



Monday 10th January 2022

Dear parents/ carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your continued support during this time.

Following the changes in the rules around LFT and PCR Tests I would like to take the chance to update you on the restrictions and procedure we will have in place from 11th January 2022.

If you or your child has symptoms/ feels unwell you/ they must isolate and then book and take a PCR test.

Temporarily, if you receive a positive LFT result then you do not need to book a PCR test to confirm the result, instead you must begin isolating immediately. If symptoms develop, a PCR is then required.

Please bear in mind that isolation begins the day after a positive test result/ symptoms began. Please see the flow chart below for more information around isolation and day 6 and 7 LFTs. If in doubt, please call 119/ visit the government website for more information.

Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) can be ordered online at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> or collected from pharmacies and specific venues around Wolverhampton, details of these sites can also be found on the link above.

What does this mean for school?

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school or is sent home ill, the child will need to take an LFT before returning to school. Otherwise they will need to be off school for a full 48 hours after they feel well again.

If your child has symptoms of Covid-19, they will need to take a full PCR test before returning to school.

Symptoms of Covid-19:

- a high temperature;
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours;
- a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything or things smell or taste differently to normal.

As a school we will endeavour to ensure that school and classes stay open; however, in the event of a number of cases arising in one class or if we do not have enough adults in school to staff all classes, **there is a potential some classes may be forced to close for a short period of time.**



In the event of a class closure, remote learning would resume as during the whole school lockdown last year with device and free school meal support being available.

As always we continue to take advice from and are guided by Public Health England.


Thank you again for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A Smith

Acting Head of School

Changes to the self-isolation period:

If you have symptoms/ feel unwell or have taken a lateral flow and it is positive = Obtain a PCR test if symptomatic (Temporarily, a PCR is not necessary as of 11 th January if you have no symptoms , LFT counts as positive. If symptoms develop, a PCR is then required.				
Day of Isolation	How to use LFT tests to end isolation before 10 days			
Day 0	Self-isolation starts <i>This is the day your symptoms start OR when you have taken a lateral flow and it is positive but you have no symptoms – obtain a PCR test</i>			
Day 1	Self-isolation 			
Day 2				
Day 3				
Day 4				
Day 5				
Day 6	Take Lateral Flow Test			
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Day 7	Take Lateral Flow Test	Take Lateral Flow Test	Take Lateral Flow Test		
	Negative	Negative	Positive		
	Your self-isolation has ended. You can return to work/school	Continue to isolate and take another lateral flow test 24 hours later	Continue to isolate and take another lateral flow test 24 hours later		
Day 8		Take Lateral Flow Test	Take Lateral Flow Test	Take Lateral Flow Test	
		Negative	Negative	Positive	
		Your self-isolation has ended. You can return to work/school (unless you have a high temperature)	Continue to isolate and take another lateral flow test 24 hours later	Continue to isolate and take another lateral flow test 24 hours	
Day 9			Take Lateral Flow Test	Take Lateral Flow Test	Take Lateral Flow Test
			Negative	Negative	Positive
			Your self-isolation has ended. You can return to work/school (unless you have a high temperature)	Continue to isolate and take another lateral flow test 24 hours later	Continue to isolate until 23.59pm when your isolation period ends
Day 10				Take Lateral Flow Test	
				Negative	