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Friday, 21st January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to the self-isolation guidance if you test positive from 17th January 2022

The Government announced that from Monday 17th January, the self-isolation period for those **who test positive** for COVID-19 has changed.

Self-isolation is required **regardless of age or vaccination status** because a person has COVID 19.

The changes mean that people can now leave isolation on the sixth day providing they

- test negative on the fifth and sixth day with a lateral flow device (LFD) and
- do not have a temperature

If the day 5 test is positive, a person must continue to isolate, it is law.

Further tests can be taken on subsequent days - Day 6 and 7, Day 7 and 8 or Day 8 and 9, up until Day 10. If 2 LFD tests - taken 24 hours apart on consecutive days - are negative, that person can leave self-isolation.

Anyone who is **unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will** need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation. Remember that the date of the positive test or the date of the onset of symptoms is classed as Day 0, the following day being Day 1.

Although it is not currently a requirement to have a follow up PCR test, all positive results on an LFD test should still be reported to the NHS.



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When positive cases are reported to school, we can help parents calculate the isolation days and this also allows us to update our system from an attendance and health and safety perspective.

If you require further advice regarding self-isolation, please click on this link <u>Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19)</u> <u>infection - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u> or contact either 111, 119 or Public Health on 01922 658065.

Yesterday, the Government also made a statement regarding the lifting of Plan B measures. Although Covid-19 rates nationally are reducing, positive cases in Walsall remain high and we have been asked by the Local Authority to urge residents to proceed with caution now and help bring the rates down.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely.

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