



10 January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

When I wrote to you on the 3 January 2022 outlining changes to the Covid-19 guidance, I said I would update you weekly on our cases. Below is a summary of cases up to and including Monday 10 January 2022.

Number of cases this week in children	17 positive cases since children came back to school/8 positive cases over the holidays so did not return on Wednesday. Other children not in school as isolating because of positive cases amongst family members etc.
Number of cases this week in staff	4 teachers 2 support staff
Has the outbreak plan been activated?	Yes
If so, what date was it activated and for which years/classes?	Whole school since 8th November 2021
Further information on cases – which years/classes etc.	8 Y1 Orange Class - all since school started; 1 Y1 did not return to school as isolating 5 Y2 Classes - 3 didn't come in on Wednesday as already positive, 2 since school started 1 Y3 - tested positive during hols so did not return to school 4 Y4 tested positive Saturday, all attended school. 2 in each class. 2 Y5 1 positive during hols so did not return to school, 1 positive in school 2 Y6 1 isolating, 1 positive in hols and did not return to school 1 Reception – 1 did not return to school after being positive in hols 1 Y1 teacher & TA, 1 YR teacher, 1 Y5 teacher, 1 Y6 teacher, 1 SEN TA



Main messages and changes from updated Government guidance:

COVID-19 infection rates are very high and the Omicron variant is spreading rapidly. It is important that we all take steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 infection in the community to save lives and protect the NHS.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms you should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. You should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. If this PCR test result is positive, you must continue to self-isolate.

NB: THIS IS THE LAST DAY FOR PCR TESTING - FROM TUESDAY 11th JANUARY guidance will change to isolation for up to 10 days following a positive LFD test.

If you do not have COVID-19 symptoms, but you have a positive PCR (or LFD test from 11 January 2022) test result, you must stay at home and self-isolate.

If you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 you are at significantly higher risk of becoming infected yourself.

If you have been vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine, you are less likely to become severely ill if you catch COVID-19. You are also less likely to spread COVID-19 to other people, but it is still possible for this to happen. Therefore:

- if you are aged 18 years 6 months or over and you are not fully vaccinated*, and you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, you are legally required to stay at home and self-isolate
- if you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months, and you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, you are not legally required to self-isolate. However, you are strongly advised to take an LFD test every day for 7 days, and to self-isolate if any of these test results is positive

*You are fully vaccinated 14 days after having received 2 doses of an approved vaccine (such as Pfizer/BioNTech, AstraZeneca or Moderna/Spikevax) or one dose of the single-dose Janssen vaccine.

LFD tests are very good at identifying people who have high levels of coronavirus and are most likely to pass on infection to others, even if you do not have symptoms.

You may be entitled to a one-off payment of £500 through the NHS Test and Trace Support Payment scheme if you are legally required to stay at home and self-isolate or you are the parent or guardian of a child who has been told to self-isolate.

Guidance for children:

If you are aged 5 years and over and live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, and are not legally required to self-isolate, you are strongly advised to:



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- take an LFD test every day for 7 days, or until 10 days after the household member who has COVID-19 started their self-isolation period if this is earlier
- take this daily LFD test before you leave your home for the first time that day

Report your LFD test results after taking each test.

Please note that we cannot provide LFD tests for parents/carers; we have a limited quantity which are for staff use only and, as you can imagine, we are getting through those rather swiftly!

Thank you for bearing with us in these challenging times, your support is appreciated by us all.

Kind regards

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