

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Current COVID19 guidelines and continued Twice weekly Testing**

We wanted to remind you around current COVID guidelines for isolation. Pupils only need to isolate at home if they themselves have had a positive LFT test. Should your child have a positive LFT test then you should book them in for a PCR test to confirm. Once you have the results of this, please then let the school know. **There is no requirement for any pupil to remain at home if a family member or close contact tests positive.**

Current advice from the DfE echoes the national advice for self-isolation:

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- **they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months**
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Unfortunately we are unable to authorise any absence where a pupil is kept at home due to a close contact or family member testing positive.

I also want to thank you for your continued support with the twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing. It is now more important than ever to keep testing, so I wanted to remind you on how to record your results.

We have received a new delivery of test kits and will be sending these home with pupils on Tuesday. The new test kits are a slightly different kit, so it is important that you read the instructions included. Please do call should you require more tests.

- test twice a week at home
- you should receive twice weekly reminder emails from TestRegister.co.uk – they will include a link to register the test result. Should you not receive the e-mail you can register the result by going to [TestRegister | The COVID-19 platform to manage test results](#) directly. Once on click on register a test and follow the instructions.
- report results through the Government site [online](#) as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country

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The County Council has also shared detailed information about the whole-household home test scheme on their website – further details in the link below:

[Collect a home test kit | Health and social care | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Thank you very much for your patience and continued support.

Kind regards,

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