

Dear Parent,

14th December 2021

Re: Updates regarding self-isolation rules for children

As you may be aware, the government has sent out revised guidance for school-aged students needing to self-isolate. The full details and a useful flowchart are given below to ensure that you know what next steps to take for your child.

Summary of key updates:

Once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff, pupils and students should:

- Take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the [Online Reporting System](#) and to their school.
- If they test negative, they can continue to attend school.
- If they test positive, they should self-isolate and order a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.
- Outside of school, they should continue to follow the advice set out in the [Sunday 12 December press release](#).
 - Anyone over the age of 18 years and 6 months who is not vaccinated, must isolate in line with government guidelines if they are a close contact of a positive case.
 - For **students with SEND** who struggle to or are unable to self-swab daily for 7 days, settings should work with students and their families to agree an appropriate testing route, such as assisted swabbing. Information on further support measures will be provided.
 - This approach should also be adopted over the winter break and on return in January.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch. We continue to prioritise good attendance in school as we know students being in a classroom with their teacher has the greatest positive impact on educational outcomes.

Yours as ever,

Mat Galvin

Self-isolation and testing requirements w.e.f. Tuesday 14th December 2021

