



4th January 2021

Update re Covid-19

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year to you all, we have spent the day preparing the school for our wonderful children to return. As you may be aware the Government has reintroduced the guidance for students to wear masks in classrooms in Secondary settings to reduce the transmission of Covid-19 in school. They have advised that this will be reviewed on 26 January together with the other measures in place for Plan B regulations. In Primary schools we continue as we were prior to the Christmas holidays and as a staff we will wear face masks in communal areas but will not wear these within the classroom setting.

The guidelines for isolation have also been updated and are as follows:

“Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10-day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.”

To clarify, if your child has a positive PCR result for Covid-19, please test them prior to school start time on day 6 and, if negative, again 24 hours later on day 7. If both of these tests are negative then, as per the guidance above, your child may return to school on day 7. If your child tests positive on day 6, then the process for two negative tests will restart on day 7. We would ask that these are taken early in morning to enable your child to attend for a full day when able to do so.

We would request that all adults wear a face mask when dropping off and collecting children from school. We ask this of you to help to keep our school family safe and to enable us to continue teaching face to face so that none of our children have to experience home learning again.

Thank you for your assistance in helping us to remain open to pupils.

Yours sincerely

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