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Dear Parent/carer,

### **Changes to isolation Periods**

People self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative on both day 5 and day 6 and do not have a temperature, from Monday, 17 January.

Individuals who are still positive on their rapid lateral flow tests must stay in isolation until they have had 2 consecutive negative tests taken on separate days.

The default self-isolation period continues to be 10 days, and you may only leave self-isolation early if you have taken 2 rapid lateral flow tests and do not have a temperature in line with guidance.

It is essential that 2 negative rapid lateral flow tests are taken on consecutive days and reported before individuals return to their job or education, if leaving self-isolation earlier than the full 10-day period.

Your child can return to school on the 6th day if the LFDS is negative that morning.

For individuals, who have a close contact with COVID-19, they must test on a LFD test every day for 7 days before attending school.

### **Temporary Suspension of Confirmatory PCR tests**

If anyone has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, they are strongly advised to take a PCR test, not an LFD test. If someone with symptoms has already taken an LFD test for any reason and the result is positive, they do not need to take a follow-up PCR test.

### **Remote Learning**

Remote learning is available through Teams and Seesaw. Please contact the school on the first day of isolation, to ensure your child has access to this throughout the isolation period. The class teacher will then be in contact to organise remote learning and your child's requirements.

### **Informing school**

Please ensure school are informed before 9.15am on the 1st day as normal for absence.

On day 5, please could you inform the school office if the LFD is positive or negative, so we know if your child is returning to school or will be absent for longer. This helps us to keep records and ensure we continue with remote learning if needed.

If you are unsure at all, please contact the school office and we are always happy to help.

Kind Regards

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Head teacher