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VTP/ELB/Covid Guidance/January 2022

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### January 2022 Covid Guidance Summary

Dear Parents and Carers

Following renewed guidance from the DfE and the Gov.UK website, I would like to share with you the advice regarding isolating and testing if you have symptoms of Covid, or if you have a positive Lateral Flow Device (LFD)/ Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test.

Please see the information below of what to do in a number of scenarios:

Scenario	Actions/Guidance
Has symptoms of Covid	Stay at home and arrange a PCR as soon as possible and within 3 days of symptoms beginning
Positive PCR Test Result	Self-isolate for 7 days (reduced from 10)  Count the days from the first day of symptoms or the day of the test was taken if you had no symptoms  Do an LFD test on day 6 and day 7; if both are negative you can stop isolating and return to school on day 8 providing you do not have a temperature. Continue to take an LFD test every day before school for days 8, 9 and 10  If you are unable to do an LFD test you must isolate for 10 days
Positive LFD Test Result	Self-isolate immediately and arrange a PCR as soon as possible and within 2 days of your LFD result. Continue to isolate whilst awaiting results.  If the PCR test is positive follow advice above  If the result is negative you can stop self-isolating and return to school
Inconclusive PCR test result	Continue to self-isolate and arrange another PCR test as soon as possible
Asymptomatic but positive LFD	Arrange PCR test and self-isolate until results are received

Asymptomatic and positive PCR	Follow positive PCR results guidance. However if you develop symptoms during the isolation period then the isolation length must be restarted from the day of the onset of symptoms
Identified as a close contact	<p>If you are fully vaccinated (2 or more doses) then you do not need to self-isolate but you should inform the school. Under 18's do not need to self-isolate.</p> <p>You should carry out LFD tests for the next 7 days or the 10 days following the date of close contact.</p> <p>If you develop symptoms you must self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test.</p> <p>If you are not fully vaccinated and over 18 you should isolate for 10 days and take a PCR test. If you get symptoms during the 10-day isolation period you should book another PCR test.</p> <p>If you are exempt from vaccination you do not need to isolate but should carry out daily LFD tests each morning.</p>
Tested positive for Covid in the last 90 days	<p>This no longer means you cannot take LFD tests.</p> <p>Take LFD tests if advised being a close contact as the advice above</p>

If your child needs to isolate based on the above guidance, please let the office know straight away by either:

- Submitting an absence report on Weduc;
- Sending a Weduc message to 'Westlands Primary School' (please do not send them to individual members of staff, as they will not be picked up);
- Emailing the school office on [wpsoffice@swale.at](mailto:wpsoffice@swale.at);
- Calling the office on 01795 470862

Please be reminded that if your child is self-isolating and absent from school, they cannot come onto the school site to drop-off/collect siblings with you.

I would ask that visitors to the school office are limited unless essential, and that all enquiries are submitted through the avenues described above. If, however, you do need to come to the school office then you will be asked to wear a face covering and use the antibac hand gel.

We are, of course, doing all we can within school to help reduce the possibility of spreading Covid, and I thank you in advance for adhering to these guidelines to help us with this.

Yours sincerely



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