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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. It has been wonderful to see all the children return enthusiastically with big smiles on their faces.

Covid 19 continues to play a large role in all our lives and we would like to make you aware of some changes since we have returned.

Following Government guidance that came into force on Monday 17th January, staff and pupils who test positive on a lateral flow device but do NOT display the 3 main symptoms (continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste and smell) now need to follow the following advice;

- They will no longer need to confirm the Lateral flow test with a PCR test
- They should isolate for 10 days.
- If on day 5 and 6 they test negative from a lateral flow test they can return to the school setting from day 6, as long as they do not have a **high temperature**.
- If the result of either of their tests on day 5 and or 6 are positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days (24 hours apart) or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.
- If during this isolation period they then develop one or more of the COVID symptoms, say, on day 3 of their isolation, then the isolation clock resets. The first day of isolation for 5/10 days would then be taken from when the symptom (s) started.

Please immediately contact the office when your child tests positive so that the school can take appropriate steps needed to keep everybody safe.

We appreciate that due to the constant changes it may be confusing. The office is fully aware of all government guidance so please contact the school and they will be able to advise you if you need further support.

Our updated risk assessment is on our website should you wish to see all of the settings guidance.



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Cases in Herefordshire are still high, so we ask you to remain vigilant and continue to wear masks on site. We will endeavour to stay open to all pupils / classes and that is why we continue to ask you to support us to minimise the risk of COVID 19 so we do not encounter large staff shortages.

Can we also endorse the advice to get your COVID-19 vaccine / booster, it is not too late. Please book your vaccination today at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/ or go to www.herefordshire.gov.uk/grabajab to find a drop-in clinic.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Helen Rees, Helen Lynch and Jo Keeble



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