



12<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Executive Head: Mrs M. Mohamed BSC.HONS, LPSH, PGCE, PG.DIP

Head Teacher: Mrs D. Ghafori

**Re: Warn and Inform – Positive Covid 19 in Year 5**

Assalamualaikum,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and strong Imaan.

We have been advised that another pupil in Year 5 has tested positive for COVID-19.

In line with national guidance, individuals **identified as close contacts, including children** and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, will be contacted by NHS Track & Trace and advised that they should ***take an LFD test every day for seven days*** and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

**What to do if your child tests positive or develops symptoms of COVID-19:**

**Confirmatory PCR testing following a positive result on a lateral flow device (LFD) has been temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January.**

**This means that individuals who have tested at home and reported a positive LFD result will no longer be advised to get a confirmatory PCR test unless they:**

- **have symptoms (in which case they need to follow the stay at home guidance, self-isolate and order a PCR test)**
- **wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment**
- **have been advised to take a PCR test because they are in a clinically vulnerable group**
- **have been advised to do so as part of a research or surveillance programme**

***Education and childcare settings are not expected to trace contacts of a positive case as this will remain the responsibility of NHS Test and Trace. Contact tracing is triggered once a positive LFD test is reported.***

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must isolate and you should arrange a test for your child via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested-or-by-calling-119>.

**If the test result is positive**, current guidance states that individuals, including children, may now **take lateral flow device (LFD) tests on day 6 and day 7** of their self-isolation period. Those who receive **two negative test results and do not have a temperature 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**.





If the day 6 test is positive, two further tests on subsequent days can be taken. If the individual does not have any fever, they can stop self-isolating once they have **2 negative Lateral Flow Tests 24 hours apart**. After 10 days, self-isolation stops, whatever the test result.

This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion.

Please visit the link to Public Health England's guidance for households with possible Covid-19 infections:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

### How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting COVID-19:

- **take regular lateral flow tests (LDF)**
- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds;
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available;
- wash your hands as soon as you get home;
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze;
- allow ventilation in the house through opening windows;
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

We continue to be vigilant and pray that Allah swt protects everyone from harm.

Kind regards

Wasalaam,

D. Ghafari  
**Head Teacher**

