



Covid-19

I do hope that you and your families had a safe and enjoyable Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming the children back tomorrow.

The guidance from the DfE to school around Covid-19 regularly changes, so I wanted to share with families the current information with regards to testing and self-isolation, as this is different to procedures last term:

- 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 setting from day 8.
- Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).
- People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, 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.
- Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they should follow the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).



Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all the families who made donations to the British Royal Legion Poppy Appeal last term. We have now received confirmation that £169.53 was raised for this very worthwhile cause.



Sharing Assembly

It was lovely to hear so much positive feedback via our recent parent survey (results being sent home soon) with regards to our Sharing Assembly.

We will be holding our first assembly this Friday at 3pm for parents and grandparents to attend. Our school will continue to have a Sharing Assembly each week until Government Covid guidance to schools prohibits us from doing so.



Dates for your diary

Parents' Evening 3:40 pm – 6:00 pm	7/2/22
Safer Internet Day	8/2/22
Parents' Evening 5pm – 8pm	8/2/22
Half term	w/c 14/2/22
World Book Day	3/3/22