

Dear Parent or Carer

The government has recently made changes to the period of self-isolation for those who have tested positive with covid-19.

It is now possible for those who have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) to end self-isolation earlier, following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart, as described by the DFE below.

In summary: pupils will now be able to return to school after a period of self-isolation, at the earliest on day 7.

**They must have 2 negative test results taken on day 6 and day 7 (24 hrs apart).
If they are positive on day 6, keep testing until they get 2 consecutive negative results 24 hrs apart.**

DFE guidance:

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 or childcare setting from day 7.

When testing to release from isolation early you do not need to apply the 'full day rule' that applies to isolation itself.

Therefore, if you have 2 negative tests you can be released immediately after the second test as long as the tests are taken 24 hours apart. Meaning if it is taken at 8am for example, you could go to setting on that day'.

If your child tests positive for covid-19 please contact the school office, who will advise on your child's return date following the DFE guidance.