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The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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What a week! Just when we think the storm would start to calm down another great wave comes crashing in. Like many schools locally we have had a significant number of children testing positive for Covid, in Oak and Beech Class. We also currently have three teachers off.

There have been many changes recently in arrangements for testing and isolation so I thought it would be helpful to clarify things as it stands currently.

Positive lateral flows do not have to be followed up by a PCR anymore, however, it is really important that the positive test from the lateral flow test is reported, both to the Government site <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> and to school. This helps to guide you about what dates you are able to test and leave isolation.

From Monday 17th January, people with COVID-19 in England can end their self-isolation after 5 full days, as long as they test negative on day 5 and day 6. Day 1 is the day after the positive test or the day after your symptoms started.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. If an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on day 6 and day 7 to release from isolation.

It is essential that 2 negative rapid lateral flow tests are taken on consecutive days and reported before individuals return to education, if leaving self-isolation earlier than the full 10-day period.

For instance, if an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on both day 6 and day 7 to release from self-isolation, or positive on day 6, then a negative test is required on days 7 and 8, and so on until the end of day 10.

The default self-isolation period continues to be 10 days, and you may only leave self-isolation early if you have taken 2 rapid lateral flow tests and do not have a temperature in line with guidance.

Example 1:

Day 0 - Child tested positive on Tuesday (had no symptoms prior to this)

Day 1 - Wednesday

Day 5 - Sunday - negative lateral flow test (taken before 9am)

Day 6 - Monday - negative lateral flow test (taken 24 hours after)

Child can return to school on Monday.

Example 2:

Day 0 - Child tested positive on Thursday (had no symptoms prior to this)

Day 1 - Friday

Day 5 - Monday - positive lateral flow test

Day 6 - Tuesday - negative lateral flow test (taken before 9am)

Day 7 - Wednesday - negative lateral flow test (taken 24 hours after)

Child can return to school on Wednesday.

School needs to have confirmation dates of the two negative tests to be recorded on our system once a second negative test is confirmed. Please email the office. If you have any queries, please do contact us.

Maths App to help Children

Much of our maths in school is based on a scheme published by White Rose, a scheme based on good research which support children's learning. They have released a free App called 'one minute maths.' A little and often approach is an excellent way to ensure children learn and remember things. This App also links really well to the Number Sense work we have been implemented in Year 1 to 3.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/1-minute-maths>

Dates for your diary

Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February Half Term

Thursday 3rd March Fire Safety Talks - Ash, Oak, Beech and Willow

Term dates for pupils - 2022/23:

AUTUMN TERM 2022

5th September to 16th December 2022

Half term - 24th to 28th October 2022

SPRING TERM 2023

4th January to 31st March 2023

Half term - 13th to 17th February 2023

SUMMER TERM 2024

17th April to 21st July 2023

May Day holiday - 1st May 2023

Half term - 29th May to 2nd June 2023

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 1st and 2nd September, 31st October 2022, 3rd January, 30th June 2023

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