

Cupernham Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Updated COVID-19 Information

Happy New Year! We hope that you have all had a good break and that you and your children are well rested.

Due to the increased transmissibility of the current variant, we will continue to follow DFE and PHE guidance. The school's risk assessment and controls have been continually adapted to the situation both nationally as well as within the school.

Below is a reminder of the changes to self-isolation that came into place during the school holiday period. 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. However, this would not be the case if you are unable to access LFD tests.

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.

Further information, including examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms, is available in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

Lastly, as stated on the last day of term, we would ask those of you that have access to lateral flow tests, to carry out a lateral flow test on your child/children before the start of term.

We would also like to remind you of guidance that came out just before the end of last term about close contact with a positive test result. All adults who are fully vaccinated and **all children** and young people aged between 5 to 18 years and 6 months identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, are **strongly advised** to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days and we would continue to ask for close contacts to have a PCR test.

We look forward to seeing you and your children tomorrow. Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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