



The Best That We Can Be
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school community, we need to continue to work together to ensure the safety of everyone in response to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

Following the steps below will prevent more of our school community from becoming infected by the virus and will support the school in remaining open to all pupils.

- If you or your child test positive on an LFD (lateral flow test) or a PCR, self-isolate immediately and follow government guidance (self-isolation means that the person testing positive does not leave their house).
- If your child has one or more symptoms of Covid-19 (high temperature/ a new continuous cough/ a loss or change in sense of smell or taste), please do not send them to school. Book a PCR test and self-isolate whilst awaiting the result.
- Inform the school immediately if your child tests positive on an LFD or a PCR.
- Do not bring children who have tested positive on to the school playground. If you are unable to get siblings to school because you or your child have to self-isolate, please remain at home and inform the school immediately.
- If your child has Covid-19, administer an LFD test on day 5 and day 6. If both tests are negative, they can return to school on day 6. Children must not return to school until they receive two negative LFD results taken 24 hours apart. If your child is still testing positive on day 9, they must isolate until day 10 and can return to school on day 11.

We understand that the changing guidelines can be very confusing but we are here to help. If you are unsure of what you need to do, don't hesitate to contact the school, and we will advise you on current government guidelines. The school telephone number is 01253 478271.

You may also find the following links helpful:

- To book a PCR test: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- To order LFD tests: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>
- When to self-isolate: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

We appreciate your support in helping to keep our school community safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D. P. Simm
Headteacher

