



Dear Parent/Carer,

We have updated our risk assessment to include updates from the Government and Lancashire Public Health.

If a member of your household tests positive, we are recommending that children in this household take a PCR if possible. However, due to the difficulties booking a PCR test and obtaining the results, this is no longer a requirement. Children can now attend school whilst awaiting the results of this PCR test. At all times, please don't send children to school with symptoms of Covid-19.

If a member of your household tests positive, they should self-isolate immediately (and if practicably possible, away from other household members). All household members, over the age of 5, **are strongly recommended to take daily LFD tests for 7 days**. Inform school of your current situation and if your child is well (and has negative LFD test results) they can attend school as normal.

If your child has symptoms of Covid-19, you should book a PCR test immediately and keep your child off school: Lateral Flow Tests should only be used to pick up asymptomatic cases.

If your child tests positive using a LFT, they no longer need a confirmatory PCR test and should isolate immediately. This is day 0. They can then test on day 5 with a view to leaving isolation on day 6 if these tests are both negative. Please see the guidance on p3 of last week's newsletter. Please check with NHS test and trace to confirm the exact day your child's isolation began – we need to know this for our records and calculations of when they can return to school.

We will continue to inform you if there are cases in your child's class. If this is the case, your child should LFT for 7 days as this is the recommendation for close contacts.

Thank you for your continued support. This is a quickly changing situation and we appreciate the guidance can sometimes be difficult to understand.

If you have any questions, please ask.

Kind regards

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