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Dear parents and carers,

Changes to Covid self-isolation rules

As you are aware, the Government has announced that the isolation period for corona virus has changed with effect from today. I hope this letter explains the new rules.

Please note that if children are ill we will not provide school work. However, if you tell us they have no symptoms, we will provide work via Class Dojo, but please bear in mind that teachers are in class all day so will need some time to provide work. Your child can access Oak Academy and BBC Bitesize (just search for their year group), in the meantime.

- **My child has tested positive for COVID-19 – how long do they have to stay away from school for?**

All people – including pupils, parents and teachers - have to isolate for a minimum of five full days after the day of a positive test before then going back to school if they have tested negative twice.

The first full day of isolation is considered to be the day following the positive test. Following the fifth full day of isolation – on the sixth day - it will be possible for people who have received two negative LFD tests on consecutive days to go back to school.

People who have tested positive can now take two LFD tests on day 5 and day 6, and if both are negative and they do not have a temperature, they can end their self-isolation on day 6 and return to their education setting immediately.

If either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest

In practice it means that if a child or teacher tests positive on a Saturday, that would be considered day 0. They could then take tests on the morning of Thursday (day 5) and Friday (day 6). If they tested negative on both days and did not have a temperature they would be then able to return to school on the Friday.

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

- **What about if someone else in the house has tested positive? Can my child go to school?**

Yes – and they should. They should continue going to school but test daily, using a LFD test. If they test positive they should isolate.

If you have any further queries please contact the school office,

Yours faithfully

Mrs. P. Foster
Head teacher