



13 January 2022

Dear parents, guardians, carers

COVID 19 testing, isolating protocol and vaccinations

I am writing to thank you for your patience and support with the protective measures we are working within to safeguard your children and our staff in this period of high infection of COVID 19. I am very proud of how the children have responded so maturely and without complaint.

This week, the school will continue with the measures we have in place. Please bear in mind that the school's own risk assessment* considers the number of colleagues who are vulnerable to respiratory illness or who have family members at heightened risk. Your support to keep school open and functioning is appreciated. (*see website [Covid-19 Risk Assessment | Poole High School](#))

From this week, temporary changes are in place to the testing and isolating protocol. Please see the guidance set out below:

- All students and staff to continue twice weekly lateral flow testing. Results to be reported to the NHS and school.
- If the test returns a positive result:
 - please send the NHS text or email as confirmation to the school at school@poolehigh.poole.sch.uk
 - Your child should begin isolating from this result and does *not* need to book a confirmatory PCR test
 - Work will be set on the google classroom for your child to attend to when sufficiently recovered. Please inform the attendance team if they are too unwell to work.
 - From Day 6, if your child has two negative lateral flow tests 24 hours apart they return to school
 - If your child is still showing a positive result by day 10, they must return to school as their isolation will have ended
- If your child displays symptoms of COVID 19 including:
 - High temperature
 - New and continuous cough
 - Change to your sense of taste or smell

They must stay at home following the isolation guidance and order a PCR test. Please notify the school of the result to school@poolehigh.poole.sch.uk

COVID 19 vaccinations - Thursday 20 and Friday 21 January

Following the recent government announcement confirming second doses of the COVID 19 vaccination for students aged 12-15, the NHS vaccine team will visit school on 20/21 January to administer the vaccine. Government policy indicates that students aged 12-15 are eligible to receive the 2nd dose 3 months after receiving the 1st dose. For this visit, the team have transitioned from the paper consent form to an E-Consent form, similar to the one completed for the flu immunisations. This will be sent to parents by the end of this week. It will include 1st & 2nd vaccine offer.

Thank you for your intelligence and understanding about these matters.

Yours sincerely

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