

17th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that your child has been a close contact of a person with a positive COVID 19 test. Positive case numbers are very high in the community and we urge all to follow the guidance as below.

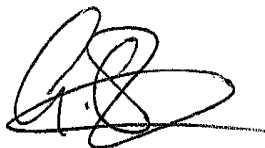
For those **over the age of 18 and 6 months who are unvaccinated**, the isolation rules remain unchanged. A person who is identified as a close contact of a positive COVID case needs to isolate for 10 days, with Day 0 being the last day of contact and Day 11 the end of isolation. You can find government guidance here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

For those who have **double vaccinated or aged between 5 and 18 and 6 months**, the guidance has changed. Previously these people are exempt from isolation, however the guidance now states: *Anyone aged 5 years and over, who has been identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 and who is not legally required to self-isolate, is now **strongly advised to take a rapid lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days or until 10 days since their last contact with the person** who tested positive for COVID-19 if this is earlier. If any of these LFD tests are positive they should self-isolate in order to protect other people.*

Your child's last contact with the positive case would have been Thursday 16th December 2021.

If you live in the same household as a person with symptoms or who has had a positive test, follow the guidance here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Quigley'.

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