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Changes to COVID-19 Isolation

Dear Parents,

Our 2022 return to school has been a positive one; children ready to learn and with significantly fewer cases which we aim to maintain. We all look forward to a brighter and healthier New Year!

You may well already be aware from the press of the changes to isolation introduced during the Christmas break; the 10-day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been **reduced to 7 days**.

Children may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and **return to school from day 8**. It is imperative that you advise the school of the negative results of both of these tests prior to your child returning to school on day 8.

If, however, on day 6 or 7 your child receives a positive LFD, please do email or call us again to make us aware so that we can record the absence appropriately.

If your child does test positive, so needs to self-isolate, please provide us with the following information by using the absence@nightingale.hants.sch.uk email or via a phone call:

Child's name:

Date of positive LFD:

Return date to school if day 6 and 7 LFDs are negative:

With effect from Tuesday 11th January and in line with yesterday's parliamentary meeting, if your child has a positive LFD test you no longer need to follow with up with a PCR test.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hannah Beckett
Headteacher