



26<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### Warn and Inform Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been advised that there are 18 cases of COVID-19 in the school community. These include three cases in Hedgehog class, nine cases in Fox class, three cases in Squirrel class and three case in Otter class.

We know that you may find this concerning but are continuing to monitor the situation. Your child should continue to attend school if they remain well. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. We are asking that you remain particularly vigilant with regards to looking out for symptoms and that you continue using the asymptomatic Lateral Flow Devices for COVID-19 testing.

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). We are aware that some children are also having milder symptoms, such as a headache or just feeling under the weather.

If your child has any of the symptoms listed above, even if their symptoms are mild, keep them at home and arrange to have a test. They do not need to take a PCR test if they have already taken an LFD test and the result was positive. (This is a recent change in guidance).

If your child is aged 5 years and over and live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, they are not legally required to self-isolate, but you are strongly advised to:

- take an LFD test every day for 7 days, or until 10 days after the household member who has COVID-19 started their self-isolation period if this is earlier
- take this daily LFD test before you leave your home for the first time that day
- [report your LFD test results](#) after taking each test – reporting positive LFD test results means that NHS Test and Trace can get in touch with your contacts and advise them on what to do; reporting negative LFD test results helps us understand more about the spread of COVID-19

The self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 5 full days if you have 2 negative LFD tests taken on consecutive days. The first LFD test should not be taken before the fifth day after your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms). The self-isolation period remains 10 full days for those without negative results from 2 LFD tests taken a day apart.

As a precaution, we will be keeping the Hedgehogs class separate from the other classes as much as possible to limit the spread of COVID-19. However, we are aware that many children have siblings in other classes, travel together on the school bus and/or attend breakfast and afterschool club together. We will continue to encourage the children to wash their hands regularly and keep the classrooms well ventilated.

Thank you for your continued support. Please stay up to date with all the latest government guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Yours faithfully

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