



Headteacher : H.Portrey

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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID UPDATE EFFECTIVE FROM 24.02.2022

As you will be aware, there has been a change in the guidance regarding self-isolation from Thursday 24th February. However, if an individual tests positive for Covid, the advice is still saying that they should avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days. I would therefore like to outline how this will work for the children at Delapre. In reality, there has been a change in the wording in the guidance but this does not mean any change for how we currently operate.

Symptoms

If a child suffers from a recent onset of the three main symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, loss or change in sense of taste and/or smell) they should still get a PCR test (available to order online <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>). They should stay at home until the results of the test are known. **If a child starts to display any of these symptoms at school, we will still contact you to collect your child and book them a PCR test.**

If the test result is positive, the child should avoid contact with others for at least 5 full days and therefore not come to school. In order for your child to return to school before the full 10 days, a lateral flow test can be taken (as before) 5 days after their symptoms started, followed by another LFD test the following day (at least 24 hours from the last one).

If the day 5 test is still positive, then a negative test on day 6 and day 7 (taken at least 24 hours apart), would mean the child could return to school after the day 7 negative test, **providing the child does not have a high temperature**. If the test on day 6 is positive, then the two tests can be taken on day 7 and day 8. If the day 7 test is positive, then then two tests can be taken on day 8 and 9.

This is the exact wording from the guidance released on 24th February 2022 by the UKHSA;

Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

Lateral flow tests can be ordered online <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> These are still currently free of charge.

As a reminder, we do ask for evidence of the two negative lateral flow tests before a child is able to come back to school as we must still consider the health of all of our school community.

We will continue to review how we operate in line with any updates to the guidance.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support and co-operation with this. If you are unsure on any of the guidelines, please contact the School Office.

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