

10-14 Crown Street,
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14th December 2021

Dear Snowflake families,

Re: COVID - 19 POSITIVE TEST RESULT

I have been advised that there have been *several* confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school, in our both sites.

I have put both sites of the school on AMBER alert for coronavirus outbreak, as advised by Public Health England, as a result:

- All staff are taking Lateral Flow tests daily
- It is recommended that, if possible, any pupil aged over 5 is tested daily
- Social events can no longer take place - this means **no Christmas Show**
- I am monitoring the situation closely in terms of cases

I am following government guidance. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your son / daughter. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. school remains open and providing your son /daughter remains well, they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review.

Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19

From Tuesday 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 is being introduced (including until the end of this term). All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Daily testing by close contacts will help to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 will help protect education settings by reducing transmission and will also help keep pupils in face-to-face education.



Once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff, pupils, and students should take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the [Online Reporting System](#) and to their setting. If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting. Outside of the education setting, they should continue to follow the advice set out in the [Sunday 12 December press release](#). This approach should also be adopted over the winter break and on return in January. If they test positive, they should self-isolate and [order a PCR test](#) to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

Please keep your son /daughter at home if they have a cough, a temperature or a cold and let us know if they have more severe Covid symptoms.

I wish I were not having to be writing this letter again, please stay safe.

Best Wishes



Kerry Sternstein (Head Teacher)

