



The Dove Federation

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Disney

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have managed to have a good Christmas break. I wanted to write to you prior to the children returning tomorrow to outline new guidance relating to Covid-19.

Thank you to those parents who have already done an LFT on their child/ren in preparation for them returning tomorrow. If you have not yet done this please could I urge you to do this prior to tomorrow so that we can try and limit any infections coming in to school.

Guidance on self-isolation and identifying close contacts

The guidance on isolation has now changed. I have included the guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) at the end of this letter so that all parents and carers are clear on how long children and staff need to isolate for if they test positive with Covid-19. If you have any queries on this please speak to the school office who will be able to advise you.

If your child or a member of staff has been identified as a close contact the guidance remains that fully vaccinated adults and children between the ages of 5 and 18 should take a daily LFD test every day for 7 days and they can attend setting as normal unless they have a positive test.

As with before, the Christmas holidays the responsibility for Track and Trace remains with NHS Test and Trace. Schools are only expected to work with NHS Track and Trace to identify close contacts in exceptional circumstances.

School routines

The DfE guidance on bubbles remains that bubbles are still not recommended. With this in mind, we will continue to operate as one school group. If we have increased Covid cases we may need to temporarily re-introduce bubbles. If this needs to happen, we will let parents/carers know.

Please can I continue to ask that parents/carers wear masks at drop off and pick up times. Staff will also be wearing them. If I could ask that parents do not congregate in the gateways during drop off and pick up we would be grateful. If you could spread out on the playground this will help pupils and parents/carers to enter and leave the premises safely.

We will continue to ventilate the school as much as is safely possible to do. We monitor the ventilation in the school using Co2 monitors. During the cold weather please send your child to



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school with extra layers so that they can ensure they are warm in school. During exceptional cold spells we may need to ventilate rooms during break times and then close some windows when occupied so as to ensure that pupils and staff do not become cold.

We will continue to ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly throughout the school day and that touch points are regularly cleaned.

As we have been doing over the past term we will continue to remain open as long as it is safe to do so. In order to remain open where we are short of staff we may need to cover classes with support staff or combine classes.

Clarification on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals 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. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.

Kind regards

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*“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts.
Use them well to serve one another.” 1 Peter 4:10*