

# Westfields Infant School

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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy new year!

As you are no doubt aware the COVID rates locally and nationally continue to rise. This may impact on staffing levels this term and we may need to be creative and move staff around to ensure all classes stay open. In addition we may need to postpone, cancel or adapt events in light of an ever changing situation.

Below is a reminder of the latest guidance in relation to COVID.

- If an individual is isolating due to a positive PCR test, they may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 7.
- All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 and over identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 should take an LFD test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. If the test is negative, they can continue to attend school. If any of these test results are positive, they should self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test.
- Children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing.

Additionally it has been announced today that from 11<sup>th</sup> January any individual without symptoms who receives a positive LFD test must self-isolate immediately, but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test.

We will continue to review and update our COVID risk assessment which includes the wearing of masks by adults in communal areas around school. Whilst we do not require parents to wear masks outside, we would appreciate it if you could wear one if you need to approach a member of staff at drop off or collection.

Attendance continues to be a high priority. We appreciate the difficulties of getting a child to school when one or more parent tests positive so suggest that you have a contingency plan in place e.g. asking a relative or friend to help out. Please phone us if there is still a problem.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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