

Pegswood Primary School News

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Covid testing

Since last week's newsletter, there has been new guidance to schools from the government around the wearing of facemasks for staff in communal areas and the need not to do this from Thursday 27th January. Unfortunately, in school this last week we have seen the highest number of positive cases since the pandemic began – across every class in the school. For this reason, staff will continue to wear face coverings in communal areas of school until we see cases within school starting to drop. All other procedures that we are following in school will remain the same. I have left last week's information about testing in this week's newsletter

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after five full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6. Day 1 starts on the next full day after the test.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Can we please also remind you that if anyone in your household tests positive for Covid, the whole household, including all children over 5, should be taking a lateral flow each day and only come to school if they have done this and it is negative.

I wrote last week that we had very few children that had tested positive and no staff. That situation changed quickly over the weekend and this week we have had 20 children test positive and one member of teaching staff.

Reading Newsletter

Please find this week's reading newsletter – either on Class Dojo's school page or our website.

