



6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may know, the guidance keeps changing almost daily at the moment and we are all trying to understand it the best we can.

The most up to date information as of next Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022:

**If you test positive on a LFD** (lateral flow device) and don't have any Covid-19 symptoms then you do not need to have a confirmation PCR test but you do need to isolate for up to 10 days. This can be reduced to 7 days in most cases.

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.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day self-isolation period.

**If you test positive on a LFD** and have Covid-19 symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of taste or smell) you need a confirmation PCR test and need to isolate for up to 10 days. If you test negative on a LFD on day 6 and 7 then your isolation can end.

**If you develop Covid-19 symptoms** (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of taste or smell) you need to book a PCR test to check if you have Covid-19. You must isolate whilst waiting for your PCR results. If your result is negative, then you no longer need to isolate. If your result is positive, then you need to isolate for up to 10 days. If you test negative on a LFD on day 6 and 7 then your isolation can end.



**If you have been a close contact of someone with Covid-19** you need to take daily LFD tests each day for 7 days (this includes children over 5 with parental and guardian supervision) but you do not need to isolate. If you get a positive result on your LFD you then need to follow the guidance above.

If you haven't been double vaccinated, then you need to isolate for 10 days even if you have a negative LFD test.

Please inform school if you or your child tests positive for Covid-19 by emailing **parents@hardenprimaryacademy.co.uk**

Schools have been asked not to act as 'track and trace' anymore and therefore we do not need to contact parents if a child or staff member tests positive for Covid-19. We will however contact you if we have a cluster of cases in any class or feel we need to increase our restrictions.

The DfE have produced a guide for parent and carers of school age children. Please follow this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

We currently have low cases of Covid-19 in school and hope that if we all work together then we can keep cases as low as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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