



4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Updated COVID Measures

I hope you have enjoyed the Christmas break and a Happy New Year to you all. We are looking forward to welcoming you back to school tomorrow. We are politely asking parents and carers to ensure their children are symptom free before returning to school. We are also recommending that where possible, your child takes a lateral flow test (LFD) before tomorrow. This will help to identify any children who may be asymptomatic, to assist in stopping further spread of COVID-19. We would massively appreciate your cooperation on this as our main priority is to keep school open.

### Updated testing and isolation period advice:

Since Wednesday 22nd 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 school from day 8.

### Enhanced measures in school:

We will also be putting some enhanced measures in place to help keep everyone safe:

- We politely ask that Parents/Carers wear face coverings during drop off and pick up times. We would be really appreciative if all Parents/Carers could wear face coverings unless medically exempt. It is really important we all adhere to this wherever medically possible to help stop the spread of COVID during these difficult times. Staff on the gate will be asking people to put a face covering on, unless medically exempt.
- Staff and visitors will be wearing face coverings in all communal areas.
- NHS Test and Trace remain responsible for contact tracing but please let the school know if your child tests positive. To end the 7 day isolation period, we will be asking for a photograph of the 2 negative LFDs before your child can return to school on day 8. Please call the School Office on 0161 881 4266 or email [attendance@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk)



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## **In summary:**

- Please do not send your child in to school if symptomatic
- If possible, we recommend your child takes an LFD test prior to returning to school tomorrow
- If your child tests positive, day 0 is classed as the day symptoms began or when the positive test was taken.
  - Day 6 - take LFD
  - Day 7 - take LFD
  - If both LFD tests are negative and your child has no temperature, your child may come out of isolation and return to school on day 8 by providing a photograph of the negative LFDs

Further information can be found on the Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Many thanks for your cooperation in advance,

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