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Dear Parent/Carer,

Changes to Self-Isolation

As of Monday 17th January, the Government has changed the self-isolation guidance for people who test positive for COVID-19. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 5 full days if you have 2 negative LFD tests taken on consecutive days. The first LFD test should not be taken before the fifth day after your symptoms started or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms. The self-isolation period remains 10 full days for those without negative results from 2 LFD tests taken a day apart.

We have updated our instructions below, sent on Thursday 13th January, to reflect these changes.

Confirmatory PCR testing following a positive result on a lateral flow test is still temporarily suspended. This means that staff and students who have tested and reported a positive LFD test are no longer advised to get a confirmatory PCR. This change is informed by public health advice. With high COVID-19 rates, the risk of a positive LFD result being false is very small.

What does this mean for us in school?

1. It is essential that staff and students continue to test at home and report all results to NHS Test and Trace [here](#) and on the school website [here](#).
2. If your child takes a routine LFD test which is positive, please inform the school by telephoning the absence line on 01926 645611, record the result on NHS Test and Trace [here](#) and forward the NHS result email to enquiries@kinetonhighschool.org.uk FAO: W Roe LFD, and record the result on the school website [here](#). Then:
They should self-isolate and follow self-isolation guidance. They do not need to book a PCR test. Your child should take an LFD test on the morning of day 5. If this is negative, then 24 hours later on day 6, a second negative test means that they can return to school on day 6. If the day 6 test is positive, then test the following day again. Once your child has 2 consecutive negative results, 24 hours apart, they can return to school. If tests are positive up to day 10, then please return to school on the date identified by NHS.
Please let us know if you require further LFD tests.
3. If your child develops symptoms please inform the school by telephoning the absence line on 01926 645611 then:
They should stay at home and book a PCR test. If the test is positive, they should follow NHS self-isolation guidance. Please forward the PCR result email to enquiries@kinetonhighschool.org.uk FAO: W Roe PCR. Your child should take an LFD test on the morning of day 5. If this is negative, then 24 hours later on day 6, a second negative test means that they can return to school on day 6. If the day 6 test is positive, then test the

following day again. Once your child has 2 consecutive negative results, 24 hours apart, they can return to school. If tests are positive up to day 10, then please return to school on the date identified by NHS.

Attendance reporting:

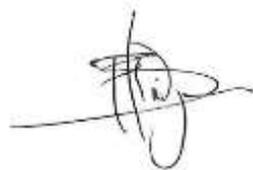
Since the start of the Autumn term 2021, schools are required to code students as 'X' (not required in school) if they are isolating and awaiting a PCR test result due to developing symptoms of the virus. Once there has been a positive result, either on a PCR or now a lateral flow test, they will be marked 'I' (illness) as being absent due to coronavirus until their return to school. This may affect your child/childrens' absence record this year as many students have had the virus during the outbreak in September/October.

Please note, school attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school.

Every day and every lesson matters!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H Bridge', written over a horizontal line.

Ms H Bridge
Headteacher