



Highfields Academy

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Dear all Parents and Carers,

A happy New Year to you all! I hope that you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and I wish you all the best for 2022.

School reopens tomorrow (Tuesday 4th Jan). Unfortunately I have been notified of several positive cases of Covid-19 over the past few days, staff and pupils. Mrs Bradley will be teaching year 2 tomorrow and Mr Gibbons will be teaching in year 5 tomorrow. I have had a few emails from parents asking for clarity around the current rules so I am writing to you all so that everyone is clear about the current situation.

- If your child tests positive for Covid-19 then they need to isolate for a minimum of 7 days. They can take an LFD test on day 6 and another one at least 24 hours after on day 7. If both LFD results are negative then they can return to school on day 8. If the LFD is positive on day 6 then they can take tests again on day 7 and day 8. Once you have 2 consecutive negative results (24 hours apart) they can return. After day 10 isolation ends (unless you still have a high temperature, in which case isolation continues).
- If any member of the household tests positive your child must stay away from school for 5 days. Assuming they have not had any symptoms they can take an LFD test at the end of the 5th day and if this is negative they can return to school.
- If your child or anyone else in the household develops symptoms a PCR test must be arranged. Please note that the symptoms that are seemingly more common with the Omicron variant are more like a cold, ie: sore throat, runny nose, congestion.

A flowchart taken from the Government website is included on the next page.

If your child needs to isolate your class teacher will be in touch as soon as possible to let you know about remote learning.

If you are in any doubt about whether your child should attend school or not please contact us before you send your child in. It is essential that we are all vigilant with this in order to reduce the risk of transmission in school.

Many thanks for your support, hopefully we will see many of you tomorrow morning.

Kind regards,
Simon Dyson



Examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result

