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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the new Covid-19 guidance nationally, I thought it would be helpful to clarify the situation in school. On a positive note, we have experienced much fewer cases of Covid-19 since starting back after the Christmas break. This means that we have been able to put an end to the children isolating in bubbles. However, Tameside LEA continue to advise that a number of safety measures remain in place as the number of Covid-19 cases in the borough remain high. These will include:

- Good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Use of sanitiser and cleaning of touch points
- Adults to wear face masks whilst moving around school
- **Parents/carers to wear face masks within the school grounds**
- Parent assemblies cancelled until further guidance is available
- Large school events cancelled until Tameside LEA risk assessment is amended

Changes to Confirmatory PCR Testing

This information has been contradictory! Initially we were informed that you should still get a PCR test if you had tested positive on an LFD and **displayed symptoms**. However, this seems to have changed to the guidance below:

From 11 January in England, people who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID-19.

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 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.

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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](#).

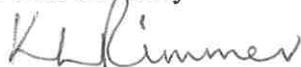
If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

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.

Please contact the school by phone and inform us your child has COVID-19 confirmed by either LFD or PCR test. It is really important you let us know if your child has confirmed COVID-19 so we can monitor the number of children with COVID-19 across the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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