

# Shepherds Down School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! - I hope you all had a good half term. As you are aware there have been some further changes in the COVID-19 guidance, which came into place on February 24<sup>th</sup>. This is the summary of the current guidance for special schools and operating procedures we will be following in school.

- Please continue with twice weekly asymptomatic testing if you are able to - either Lateral Flow or Saliva tests
- If your child does display any of the 3 symptoms, particularly dry persistent cough or a temperature (above 37.8) even if this is short lived, we ask that you keep them off school/pick them up as soon as possible and keep them at home until the result of a PCR
- If your child has displayed symptoms **school need to have a copy of the negative PCR result before you send your child back to school.**
- If you are not able to do a PCR please keep your child at home for 10 days. Please remember - **a Lateral flow test is not sufficient if your child is showing COVID-19 symptoms.**
- If your child is a close contact of a positive case, either within their household or class/bus, **daily lateral flow tests are no longer advised.** However, we will continue to let you know if there is a positive case in your child's class and you can continue to carry out daily lateral flow tests if you would like to.
- If a lateral flow test is positive then your child needs to self - isolate - **they do not need a PCR test to confirm the positive result.**
- If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 they can return to school on the 6<sup>th</sup> day if they have a negative lateral flow on day 5 and 6 of their isolation period and no longer have a temperature. If the result of either of these tests is positive they should continue to isolate until they get negative results from two Lateral Flow tests on consecutive days or until the 11<sup>th</sup> day, whichever is earliest.
- We would appreciate you letting school know the results of the LF's on these days to assist with planning of staffing.
- We would need to see proof of the two negative Lateral Flow results taken 24 hours apart before you child returns to school, if they are returning before the 11<sup>th</sup> day.
- If your child is not able to complete a lateral flow on these days then your child should remain at home for the 10-day period.

In light of the new guidance and the significantly reduced cases we have in school currently, we are proposing to stop the wearing of masks at the beginning and end of the day, from immediate effect. We are also starting offsite trips for activities such as horse-riding, and increasing face to face meetings, such as parent training. However, any changes will be kept in constant review in relation to the number of cases across the school and the contingency plan will be implemented if the threshold numbers are met (see attached)

Please contact me if you want to discuss any of this.



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