



## *Whitley & Eggborough Community Primary School*

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**Please see details below on the DfE updates for the return to school - we will review this after the 26th January 2022.**

- We are returning to the September 2021 operational plan whereby children will return to the larger bubble, mixing at play times and eating lunch in the dining hall.
- Start times and finish times (see website) will remain the same for all children and we will continue to operate the one way system around the school grounds. **Please be on time as the gates will close at 8:50am each morning.**
- Tuesday Clubs night and Boosters for Year 6 will resume next week - 11th January 2022.
- Classrooms will be well ventilated but kept at a reasonable temperature to enable the children to learn effectively but please dress warmly, especially if susceptible to the cold.

### **Visitors to site**

- All adults (including parents) who come on site must wear a face covering whilst on school premises - including when on the playground collecting children and at drop off.
- We will be asking **ALL** visitors (who are staying on site) to take an LFD within a couple of hours prior to visiting the site.

**Please note that the following information is taken directly from the Dfe guidance - where we have amended it the text is in red.**

Information taken directly from the DfE guidance on 2nd January 2022

### Information on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Since Wednesday 22 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 your education setting from day 8.

Health and social care workers, including those working in education settings, should follow guidance for their sector on taking LFD tests on day 8, 9 and 10. For more information, visit [COVID-19: management of staff and exposed patients or residents in health and social care settings](#).

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

### Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

“People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they should follow the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).”

## **Additional School Guidance**

**If you choose not to test your child and they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive we are requesting that they isolate for 10 days in order to safeguard the spread of infection within the school environment.**

**A reminder that the current requirements on remote education continue to remain in place.**

**“As students and pupils return to education and childcare settings following the holiday period, the current requirements for remote education continue to remain in place. Where there is a need for remote education, (as a class) live streaming is the preferred method for providing this wherever possible. There should be regular feedback and checking in with students and pupils.”**

## **School update on Remote Learning**

- We will be updating our remote education policy to reflect the aspect of whole class teaching online being live where possible in the event that this is needed, This will take into account considerations of children’s well being in terms of the length of the individual lessons. Teachers and TA’s will also be online to answer questions in a chat format in addition to this, or, at times when not live.**
- Individual children who are self isolating due to being in close contact and not testing or because they have tested positive and are able to learn should access their learning online with google classroom. There may be some opportunities during this time when they are able to join the class via Google Meet.**