



Monday 3 January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year!

I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. I am wishing that as many of you as possible have been able to avoid catching Covid and remain fit and well. I know that for some this will have been a difficult time and to you I send my very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

I am looking forward to welcoming pupils back tomorrow. Below are some important notes, please take a moment to read and digest them. We have been remarkably fortunate as a school during the pandemic remaining almost fully open throughout, we can only do this with your continued support.

If your child can take a lateral flow test before returning to school to help protect their classmates and the teaching team this would be appreciated.

Please see the guidance notes below.

Looking forward to a great 2022.

**Richard Ferris**  
**Headteacher**

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## **Guidelines for attending school from January 2022**

### **Symptomatic or tested positive**

Pupils must NOT come to school if they have any Covid-19 symptoms (high temperature / persistent cough / change in taste or smell). If symptomatic they must get a PCR test (not a lateral flow test).

As a school we will continue to follow the guidance to keep our community safe, this states *"If anyone in your school develops Covid-19 symptoms, **however mild**, you should send them home and they should follow public health advice."* Please support us by collecting your child as soon as possible if asked to.

Pupils who have tested positive must self-isolate for 10 days unless they receive two negative test results taken on day 6 and day 7, this also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 8.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

### **Confirmatory PCR tests**

Staff and pupils with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the stay-at-home guidance for households with possible or confirmed Covid-19 infection. They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have Covid-19. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the pupil can return to school, as long as the individual doesn't have Covid-19 symptoms.

### **Identified as a close contact of a case of Covid**

Children 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 school 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 arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend school 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](#).

### **Face coverings at school**

The recent news about children wearing face coverings in class relates only to secondary school aged pupils NOT primary school pupils. We do not expect primary pupils to wear masks at school.

## **Guidance and support to access PCR and LFD testing**

### **How to get a PCR test (because you have symptoms)**

[Book an NHS test online](#) or by calling 119.

### **How to get a Lateral Flow Device test (LFD test) (because you have no symptoms)**

Most people by now have a supply of LFD tests at home, however there are other ways to collect these tests or get tested by health professionals.

You can take an LFD test at the rapid test centre, One Lexicon, Bracknell.  
Or you can get a home test by:

- collecting from a [community collect site](#)
- collecting from a local pharmacy using your [Pharmacy Collect](#) code
- [ordering a home test kit on GOV.UK](#)

### **Rapid test centre - One Lexicon (Highview House)**

There is a rapid test centre at [One Lexicon \(Highview House\)](#), The Lexicon, Union Square, Bracknell RG12 1DG.

Access to the test centre is by using the escalators, or the lift to the left of the escalators, between Primark and TK Maxx on Braccan Walk.

Available at this site:

- LFD testing either by “walk in” slot or by [booking an appointment](#) - trained staff are on hand to offer advice and guidance
- collection point for home test kits

Opening times:

- Monday - 8am to 2pm
- Tuesday to Saturday - 8am to 3pm
- Sunday - 9:30am to 1pm

Do not attend if you have COVID-19 symptoms or are self-isolating for another reason. If you have symptoms, YOU NEED TO GET A PCR TEST instead: please [book an NHS test online](#) or by calling 119.