



# RED LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the announcement on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February by the Prime Minister, the 'Living with Covid-19' Plan and National Guidance has been released. This guidance covers what individuals should do if they test positive for Covid-19. See the extract below:

*'There is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate, however if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.'*

*'Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests' results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. They should follow the guidance for their educational setting.'*

In light of this national change of policy we have adapted our Covid-19 Management Procedures as follows:

- Self-Isolation is still required following a positive Covid-19 test

In line with the Government and NHS recommendations our school policy is that students and staff who test positive for Covid-19 must not attend school for a minimum of 5 days. They should remain at home and they should self-isolate. We ask parents and carers to inform us if their child tests positive for Covid-19 via our usual absence procedures.

## How long to stay at home?

- If your child has COVID-19, they should stay at home while they are infectious to others. This can be for up to 10 days from when their symptoms start. Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days
- They can do a rapid lateral flow test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day they had the test if they do not have symptoms) and another the next day
- If both tests are negative and they do not have a high temperature, they are less likely to pass COVID-19 to others and can come back to school
- If their test result is positive on day 5, they can carry on doing rapid lateral flow tests every day until they get 2 negative test results in a row.



## Testing for Covid-19

Covid-19 has not gone away and we still need to be vigilant regarding the symptoms. If your child has symptoms of Covid-19 they must begin self-isolating and get a test as per Government guidelines.

## How we are continuing to manage Covid-19 in school

We continue to follow all Public Health England recommendations in school.

- Whilst masks are no longer mandatory, we support individuals who choose to wear face coverings
- We continue to ventilate the school well
- We continue to promote regular hand washing / use of hand sanitiser.

It is essential that we all work together in following safer behaviours to help reduce a range of infections and keep our school community and our families safe and healthy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs L Whittaker

Executive Headteacher

