

Wadebridge School Covid Absence Update – January 2022



The current situation regarding Covid testing and isolating has seen some changes over the past weeks which are highlighted within this letter. The letter also contains some 'common Covid' scenarios to help you support your child with their education over the coming weeks to minimise disruption to their attendance in school.

ISOLATION PERIOD REDUCED TO SEVEN DAYS

Students who receive negative lateral flow test results on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period - with tests taken 24 hours apart - will no longer have to self-isolate for the full 10 days. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period (22 December 2021 - UK Health Security Agency).

SCENARIO 1

If child's Lateral Flow Test (LFT) is positive then you must book a PCR test and your child must isolate whilst waiting for the result. Parent/Carer to contact the school to inform us of the result.

SCENARIO 2

If your child is identified as a close contact of a positive case. Child should take an LFT 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.

SCENARIO 3

If your child displays symptoms of Covid (a new continuous cough, a high temperature, loss of smell/taste) - book a PCR test.

Negative PCR result - child to return to school at earliest appropriate opportunity.

Positive PCR result - child to isolate for seven days. Wherever possible, they should continue with their studies using online resources. All resources can be found through the link on our website.

Please use link to support - <u>Guide to accessing online work</u>

Finally, as a school, we would like to stress that if you have any queries regarding anything raised in this letter, please do not hesitate in contacting the school using the following email address (<u>parents@wadebridge.cornwall.sch.uk</u>).

Kind regards

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