



BREDBURY ST. MARK'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 4th January Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you all managed to have a good break over Christmas and spent some quality time with those closest to you.

Please find below a few COVID updates as we go into the new Spring Term.

- If your child tests positive on a lateral flow test they must self isolate immediately and you must book a PCR.
- If the PCR comes back negative your child can end their isolation and return to school as normal.
- If the PCR comes back positive your child must continue to isolate. On day 6 and day 7 of isolation your child can take lateral flow tests. 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 your child does not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 8.
- If your child has one of the 3 COVID symptoms they must isolate immediately and you must book them a PCR test. As some of the side effects of the new strain are still uncertain, we recommend that if your child is unwell then you book a test for them.
- Children identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take a lateral flow 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 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.

Our aim, as always, is to provide high quality face-to-face education for your children. There is no doubt that the biggest challenge will be staffing. Tomorrow we have five staff off across the school due to COVID. For a small school this brings many challenges. To ensure we can offer face to face education we may need to be creative with our staffing.

Please bear with us and know that we are always making decisions that are in the best interests of staff and children.

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow bright and early!

Best wishes

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