

## **Revised COVID Isolation Guidelines**

Following changes to the advice on Covid testing and isolation, we would like to clarify the situation regarding absence/attendance at school.

- If your child has a positive lateral flow test they must report the result to NHS Test and Trace online and self-isolate for a period of 10 days.
- The isolation period (10 days) begins either on the day they developed symptoms or the day of their positive test if there are no symptoms.
- When you notify NHS Test and Trace of a positive result, you must also notify the school preferably with confirmation from the NHS.
- If your child has symptoms, then you are still strongly encouraged to book a PCR for them either at a testing centre or to test at home.
- The 10 day isolation period can be shortened if you take lateral flow tests on Day 6 and Day 7 at least 24 hours apart which are both negative (eg 7am Day6 and 7am Day 7) and that you do not still have a high temperature.
- After having these two negative tests you must inform school (preferably providing dated photos of the negative tests) and your child can then return to school.
- If one or both of the Day 6 and Day 7 tests are positive, your child must continue to self-isolate until the end of Day 10.
- After 10 days self-isolation, your child can return to school as long as they do not still have a high temperature. There is no requirement for a negative test after 10 days self-isolation.
- If your child still has a high temperature you must ring NHS 119 for further information and advice.
- After returning to school, your child should not take the twice weekly tests for the next 90 days as their system may still show a positive lateral flow result.
- In the 90 day period, if your child begins to feel unwell again with Covid symptoms, you should ring NHS 119 for further advice.
- If you have any queries regarding these guidelines, please contact Wyvern Academy on 01325 351377 or email wva.enquiries@consilium-at.com



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