



Friday 5th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

New Covid Guidance

Data collected by Haringey up to the half term holiday shows Covid-19 infection rates amongst school children across the borough have been steadily increasing and as a result Haringey Public Health have now issued new guidance to schools.

LFD tests are now recommended for use by children under the age of 12 to be used as a preventative measure in school's Outbreak Management Plans. This is because new evidence suggests that Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests are more than 80% accurate in testing those with no symptoms. In line with Haringey guidance we have now updated our procedures as follows:

- **Pupils (from Reception age and above) who live with someone who has tested positive** e.g. a sibling or parent, should take a PCR test and should **NOT** come to school until they receive the result of the PCR. This is to prevent the spread of the virus between year groups. If the pupil receives a negative result they can return to school but should take a LFD test every day for 7 days while they continue to attend school **as household transmission is highly likely**. LFD testing should start from when the first person in the home tests positive. If at any point the pupil themselves becomes symptomatic they must take another PCR test immediately.
- **If a pupil is identified as a close contact** of another pupil within school who has tested positive, the school will advise the close contact to arrange a PCR test but also **in addition** to take a LFD test immediately and then again take another LFD test 3 days later (even if their PCR test is returned negative). If at any point the pupil themselves becomes symptomatic they must arrange for another PCR test immediately and remain at home until the result is received.
- **If there are 2 or more positive cases within a single class**, then **all** children within the class will be asked to arrange a PCR test but also, **in addition**, to take a LFD test immediately and then again take another LFD test 3 days later (even if their PCR test is returned negative). If at any point a pupil becomes symptomatic they must arrange for another PCR test immediately and remain at home until the result is received.

Lateral flow test kits are readily available in all pharmacies or can be ordered online at [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests).

In addition to the above new measures we continue to monitor our risk assessments. All children wash their hands regularly; all classrooms are well ventilated and cleaned regularly. We are restricting visitors to the school site to



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protect our school community. Parents should only enter the school if they have a pre-arranged meeting.

We thank you for your support as we continue to strive towards keeping our school and wider community safe.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gallagher".

Geraldine Gallagher
Executive Head

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F Sorapure".

Fran Sorapure
Head of School