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Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: COVID-19 Update – Changes to Self-isolation Period

Following my letter dated 19/01/22, confirming that face masks will remain mandatory in communal areas and optional in classrooms, I would also like to remind you of the changes to isolation rules that came into effect on Monday 17/01/22.

Learners and staff with COVID-19 can now end self-isolation on day 6, if they receive negative lateral flow test results (LFT) on days 5 and 6, and do not have a temperature (Day 0 is either the day of the positive test result or the first day of symptoms. Day 1 is the day after. There must be 24 hours between the tests on day 5 and 6. Most close contacts and household members of a positive case do not need to isolate (e.g., fully vaccinated adults or children). Close contacts will be advised to take a lateral flow test **every day for 7 days** and attend their setting a normal, unless they receive a positive test result.

If the result of either test is positive, the individual should continue to self-isolate until a negative result is obtained from two LFT's on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Anyone who is unable to take LFT's or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

Further information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19 is available [here](#).

Please also be aware that the number of cases of COVID-19 remain high across the borough, with the largest number of cases in the 5-19 age group. This is leading to several outbreaks in education settings. The Trust's approach and the measures we have put in place are in conjunction with Dudley Public Health advice and will remain in place to help avoid further outbreaks in our academies and ensure learners are kept in education.

We will continue to monitor guidance closely and therefore communicate further advice and guidance to you, if required.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in helping us to respond to and prevent any future spread of the virus. Should you require any additional information, please contact the academy directly.

Yours faithfully,

Jo Higgins
Chief Executive



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