

## Palmers Cross Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and on behalf of the staff and myself, would like to wish you all a happy new year.

We are aware that as we return to school, many families will have concerns regarding the ongoing situation regarding COVID. I would like to take this opportunity to reassure families that we will continue to follow all government guidance and advice in order to ensure the safety of all those in our care. Handwashing and hand sanitiser will continue to be used regularly in school and masks will be worn in communal areas. We ask that parents and adults wear face masks when dropping off and collecting pupils from the playground unless exempt.

Over the holidays, there have been changes to the self-isolation rules;

Adults and children should self-isolate straight away and get a PCR test should they experience any of the following 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- A high temperature, a new, continuous cough, a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You should also self-isolate for 10 days if:

- You've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus
- Someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive and you are over 18 and not fully vaccinated.

You may be able to end your self-isolation before the end of the 10 days if:

- On **day 6 and day 7** of your isolation period, you take lateral flow tests which both show negative results and you do not have a high temperature.

If you are aged 5 years and over and live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, and are not legally required to self-isolate, you are strongly advised to:

- take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days, or until 10 days after the household member who has COVID-19 started their self-isolation period if this is earlier
- take this daily lateral flow test before you leave your home for the first time that day.

School will continue to follow government guidance regarding close contact track and tracing. Should your child be identified as a close contact of a positive case, NHS Test and Trace will contact you directly in order to inform you of this.

Thank you for your continued support.

Many thanks  
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