

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Government has made further national changes to the isolation and testing arrangements for Covid19. Covid19 infection rates however remain high across the country and caution still needs to be exercised.

Please do not send your child to school if they have symptoms of Covid particularly a high temperature and continuous cough. If you have Lateral Flow tests, please use these.

Stockton Public Health Team advise that:

*Adults and children who test positive will **continue to be advised** to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. After 5 days, they may choose to take a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) followed by another the next day - if both are negative, and they do not have a temperature, they can safely return to their normal routine. Those who test positive should avoid contact with anyone in an at risk group, including if they live in the same household.*

Updated schools operational guidance outlines that if a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending school where they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, school can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.

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