

Water Primary School

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Dear parent/guardians,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope you have all enjoyed a restful and peaceful Christmas. It has been a wonderful return to school and it has been great to see all of our children smiling and enjoying school today.

Thankfully this year is off to a better start than last, however the situation is of course a worry and continues to remain delicate. Please can I ask that you continue to follow the guidelines and information. The advice is ever changing and often difficult to process. Please read the page (overleaf) for the current guidance on self-isolation and close contacts.

As you are aware, I am currently seconded to Crawshawbooth Primary School for three days per week and this has now been extended until Easter, this may of course be a little sooner depending upon the situation and factors beyond our control. I just want to thank you all for your patience and understanding regarding this secondment and arrangement.

It really is a wonderful opportunity for both Miss McKay and Miss Lofthouse to experience leading a school and something that they are both ready for. They are both doing an incredible job. In addition, it is also a fantastic opportunity to spread and share the Water ethos and values with other schools, teachers, children and parents. I will of course continue to be in regular contact with Miss McKay and I will of course be present at school one day per week until Easter.

Kind regards

Chris Willan
Headteacher



Information on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless tests cannot be taken for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and individuals do not have a high temperature, self-isolation may end after the second negative test result and individuals can return to education settings from day 7.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection?utm_source=2%20January%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they should follow the stay at home guidance.

