



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Confirmed Cases of Covid-19 in MEXICO Class

We have unfortunately had a number of confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Mexico class.

We would like to reassure you that we have stringent measures in place to minimise the spread of Covid-19 within school. We have reduced internal mixing in school, are monitoring the situation closely and will notify you if further measures need to be put in place.

The current advice is for anyone with Covid-19 symptoms (temperature, new or continuous cough, loss of taste/smell) to isolate and book a PCR as soon as possible. **You do not need to take a PCR test if you have already taken an LFD test which gives a positive result.** The new Omicron variant may also present as a sore throat, headache, runny nose, sore eyes, tummy ache or vomiting.

The latest government guidelines surrounding Covid-19 and can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.

Changes to Isolation Periods

The isolation period is still 10 days but can be reduced **to 5 full days** (as long as your child is well enough and without a temperature) and receives **2 consecutive negative** LFD results which were **taken 24 hours apart**. The earliest they should take the first LFD test is on day 5. Any **positive test** after a first **negative test** would mean that the first negative is **null and void**. Your child would still require 2 consecutive negative tests before returning to school **or** must have completed the full 10 day isolation period. You must register results with the NHS website and email both results to school. **TO RETURN ON THE DAY OF A SECOND NEGATIVE TEST, BOTH TESTS WOULD NEED TO BE TAKEN BEFORE 8.45AM.**

We are appealing to parents to do daily LFDs to help identify any asymptomatic cases to help us prevent the spread of Covid-19. Please remember to report LFD results on the government website.

There will be remote learning available for any children isolating, provided they feel well enough, on Google classroom in their class

If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards.



