

# Wyke Regis Primary Federation

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Dear Parents and Carers,  
Happy new year and welcome back to the new school term.

The DFE have issued guidance to schools in line with Public health England current procedures. The 10-day isolation rule is reduced from 10 to 7 days if children have a positive PCR test result. They must have two negative lateral flow tests on day 6 and 7 before returning to school. This does apply to children under 5 too at parent's discretion. If children are unable to take LFTs on day 6 and 7 then isolation must continue for 10 days.

Children identified as close contacts i.e. class members, informed by school letter, may attend school if they are well and have no symptoms, **but are required to do lateral flow tests daily for 7 days**. Provided these are negative, they can attend as normal.

Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing if they are identified as 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.

We await further local guidance from Dorset, but will be resuming measures employed before the Christmas break – lots of ventilation, mask wearing for adults in communal areas, reduction of mixing of staff, no large gatherings/assemblies etc. Thank you for supporting us by wearing masks whilst on the school grounds.

We will endeavour to keep learning as normal as possible, though the challenge of staff absence may become more of a problem in the next few weeks. We have some staff absence this week across the federation and so it is possible your child's class may have either supply teaching cover or TA cover. For children absent due to isolation, year leaders will ensure home learning tasks are accessible on google classroom or Tapestry.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs W Roberts  
Head of Federation