



PARK MEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Park Mead Families,

COVID-19 isolation information

We are writing to update you with the current guidelines for isolation in the event of a positive COVID-19 case. As in our previous letter, we (as a school) will no longer be contacting families if there is a positive case within our school community, unless there is an outbreak which is defined as >14 cases within the school. NHS Test and Trace and DfE are handling all contact tracing as with other sectors and we will only become involved in specific circumstances.

If your child displays symptoms or has a positive Lateral Flow (LFD) COVID-19 test, they must immediately get a confirmatory PCR (if not already done so) and they must isolate until result of the PCR is returned. If the result of the PCR is negative, they can return to school as soon as possible. If this is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days from the date of the PCR.

The isolation period includes the day the symptoms started and the next 10 full days. E.g. if your symptoms started at any time on the 15th of the month, your isolation period ends at 23:59hrs on the 25th of the month. In the absence of symptoms, isolation starts from the date of the positive COVID-19 test and continues for ten full days after this. E.g. if positive test was taken any time on the 15th of the month, your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 25th of the month. For self-administered LFD tests (i.e. tests taken at home rather than at school or other assisted testing site) the legal duty to self-isolate is from PCR test date which may result in cases isolating longer than ten days if the date of the positive PCR test was taken was after the LFD positive test. People should get a PCR test as soon as possible after a positive LFD test, ideally on the same day where possible.

If there is a positive result in your household, children under the age of 18 (along with adults who are double-vaccinated) do not need to isolate. As a result of this, your child is expected to be in school as usual, as long as they are not displaying any symptoms. Close contacts are strongly advised to get a PCR test as soon as possible but if they are not displaying symptoms, they do not need to isolate pending results. We realise this is a big difference from previous guidance and we are closely following the instruction from the government and local authority. If parents choose to keep their children off school pending a result of a PCR (and they are not displaying symptoms), this absence will be unauthorised. Our Attendance Policy can be found [here](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions and thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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