

King Edwin Primary School

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National Guidance Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy 2022 – lets hope we have a fantastic year at KEPS!

We have had a great start to the term and on my walk around this morning I was really pleased to see how settled the children were and how focused they were on their learning. It is lovely to see the children in full flow on our twitter feed...I am always amazed by the amount and quality of learning that happens across KEPS every week.

Clearly, we are still in the midst of a pandemic and whilst the media keep on pushing out new guidance every day, I would like to update you on where we are at currently at KEPS.

Currently we have in excess of **40 Covid related absences in school** and this has been the picture since we returned back a couple of weeks ago. We continue to do what we can in school to control infection and have worked with UK HSA in terms of seeking additional guidance but there is clearly a limit to what we can sensibly achieve.

We continue to deliver remote and blended learning wherever possible and all children in our school are taught by familiar adults. Our staffing ratios are deliberately high to enable a strong continuous provision for our kingEdwinners.

Reminders for the term ahead - your support is greatly appreciated:

- **PCR Tests continue to be required if your child displays symptoms of C19.**
- All children that have been in contact with a confirmed case, are strongly advised to complete daily LFD Testing (**LFD Close contact testing is also strongly advised for pupils who have previously tested positive for C19**).
- Updated self-isolation guidance is available below for your reference.

Links to Testing

[If your child develops C19 symptoms, please click here to book a PCR test for your child](#)

[If your child has been identified as a close contact, please click here to report a daily LFD test result](#)

Close Contact Testing

All close contacts are advised to complete a daily lateral flow test and report the result to Gov.uk for 7 days after contact. Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 will help protect our setting by reducing transmission and will also help keep our teachers in School and our pupils in face-to-face education. If your child is identified as a close contact in School, please report your child's test result through:

[Gov.uk Online Reporting System](#)

If your child tests negative, they can continue to attend School.



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Changes to the self-isolation period for pupils who test positive for COVID-19 (correct as of 17th January 2022)

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately after testing negative on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day (24 hrs later). All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

We fully appreciate that guidance changes quite frequently these days and it may seem challenging to keep on top of the changes. We will do our best to keep you well informed but feel free to get in touch if you need further support.

Kind regards,

Andy Callaghan – Wetton

Executive Headteacher

*** Don't forget – we are always here to help, no matter how trivial people feel that the need is, it's good to talk and share a concern... we may be able to sign post you towards the correct support – contact us via helpandsupport@kingEdwin.notts.sch.uk**



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