

# TERRINGTON ST CLEMENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

## Re: Return to School & Changes to Covid Guidance

Happy New Year! I hope you all have had a good break and are looking forward to the return to school on Wednesday 5th January.

Having attended a meeting earlier today with Public Health and the LA, I am writing to clarify some of the changes to government Covid guidance over the last couple of weeks.

- Close contacts, including household members, no longer need to self isolate, even if the individual testing positive has the Omicron variant. Instead, daily testing using a LFD for 7 days is recommended for those **aged 5 or above** or aged 18+ and fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated adults still need to isolate for 10 days. We will inform you if your child is deemed to be a close contact (i.e. in the same class/activity group) so that you can implement this. Daily testing is not recommended for children below the age of 5.
- Self isolation requirements following a positive test - anyone testing positive for Covid 19, can end their isolation period early if they test negative using a LFD on day 6 of their isolation and then again on day 7, provided this is within 24 hours of the previous negative result. Following negative tests on day 6 and 7, your child may return to school on day 8. If a test is positive, or your child is unable to undertake these LFD tests, self isolation continues to last for 10 days. Testing in this instance to release early from self-isolation **also includes children under 5**. An individual does not need to have a negative test on day 10 in order to return to school on day 11. (The chart on Page 2 may be useful to refer to. Further guidance on this can also be found on the [Government Website](#))
- Testing exemption for 90 days following a Covid infection - Test and Trace will be able to advise you about this. However, please be aware that if you or your child develops Covid 19 symptoms again within the 90 day period, you should isolate and obtain another PCR test as normal.

Government ministers have been in the news a great deal over the past few days, restating their commitment to keeping schools open. Clearly we want this to be the case and fully endorse this sentiment. This half term in particular is going to be challenging as I am sure you can appreciate, particularly with rising cases in the community which we know will impact on staffing. We will of course do all we can to keep our learners in school and rely strongly on the commitment of our community to



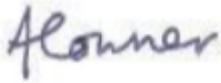
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help us do this. Tomorrow is an INSET day but staff will be in school earlier in the day and available to answer telephones or respond to emails so please get in touch if you need any advice or clarification about the guidance in this letter.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our learners back on Wednesday 5th January. School starts at 8:40am and staff are on site to supervise from 8:30am. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Miss A Conner, Headteacher

### Examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result

