



18 January 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Like many schools, we have seen a rise in the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst our community. We have been in regular communication with the Department for Education and with the team in Surrey in order to ensure we continue to follow all guidance.

In order to do all we can to further protect the Kings community, we have decided to put in additional close contact tracing beyond that provided by NHS Track and Trace. This means that where a positive case is confirmed, we will trace and communicate with students and families who have been in close proximity. There is no need for self-isolation for close contacts, but we would ask that they undertake daily lateral flow tests each day for 7 days.

If these show a positive result then they should isolate and follow the guidance. [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

LFD tests are supplied through the school, but additional tests can be ordered online: [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or collected from your local pharmacy or test centre. You can find out where to get LFD tests at: [Find where to get rapid lateral flow tests - NHS \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](#).

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 then please follow the self-isolation advice from NHS Test and Trace and inform the school. We would ask that in the communication, you let us know of any close contacts from outside the classroom. A close contact would be someone they have sat next to in an indoor setting, for example at lunchtime.

The latest guidance says that those who test positive have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an 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 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. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either test 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.

How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19): [guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread](#)

- Get vaccinated – everyone aged 12 and over is eligible for vaccination – see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/> for more information.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze and put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.
- Meet people outside and avoid crowded areas.
- Open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside.
- Wear a face covering when it's hard to stay away from other people – particularly indoors or in crowded places.
- Participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over). We encourage you to log your results here: [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/report-a-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-test)

Many thanks for your help in reducing the transmission of COVID-19 within the community at Kings.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. McKenzie', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr A. McKenzie
Principal