

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to-day following an increase in positive covid-19 cases over the weekend.

On Friday school had recorded 5 cases amongst pupils across school and 3 staff.

By Monday morning, this had risen to 14 pupil cases and 6 staff.

8 of the pupil cases have been in Key Stage 3; 5 in Key Stage 4 and 1 in Key Stage 5.

The reason I am sharing this information is to ask you to continue to closely monitor your child during this week to see if they are displaying any Covid-19 symptoms- *persistent cough, high temperature or loss of sense of smell / taste* and continue to use the twice weekly testing LFD kits.

I have, in previous letters, shared with you my concerns of rising staff absence on our capacity to keep all pupils safe. At this moment in time staff are doing a tremendous job covering and supporting colleagues who are isolating so that everyone is safe. My thanks, as always to the team.

If your child is unwell for any other reason, please do not send them into school and let the office know.

If your child becomes unwell and tests positive over a weekend for Covid-19 you can e-mail school and follow the steps below:

contactus@greenbank.cheshire.sch.uk or leave a message on the school answer machine 01606 663820

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17th January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will 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 school 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** 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.

I hope you find this update useful.

Yours faithfully,

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