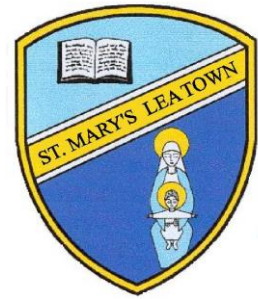


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*'Happy are those who hear the word of  
God and keep it' Luke 11:28*

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Covid – 19 Updates and Self Isolation Periods.**

Dear Parent/ Carer

It has been a pleasure to welcome our pupils back today. I hope you have all had a good Christmas and New Year enjoying spending some special time as a family.

Currently we find ourselves still managing high levels of Covid- 19. In light of the new variant and the frequently changing guidance advice e.g. regarding Self Isolation, I would like to provide the following information so that the information is as clear as possible.

You must inform School if your Child(ren) or any member of the Household tests positive for Covid – 19. You will be asked to email a copy of the result to school.

Should a household member test positive for Covid – 19, as the pupil is a direct contact, we would require them to take PCR test (*Polymerase chain reaction test*) and provide evidence of their Negative result before they return to school. We cannot accept a LFT (*Lateral Flow Test*) in place of a PCR.

If your child tests positive for Covid – 19 the Self Isolation legally is now reduced to 7 days **ONLY if the following requirements are met and the correct evidence is provided.**

- Your child must be free from Fever, diarrhoea and/ or Sickness for 48 hours (as current policy)
- You will be required to send confirmation of a Negative LFT on day 6 and day 7. The tests notification must be named and dated and show the tests were taken at least 24 hours apart. The evidence required would be the NHS notification either as an email or a screenshot of the Text message. A LFT result is reported on <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

For your information the key symptoms of Covid- 19 as displayed on the Governments website are shared below:

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child(ren) have any of the above symptoms they should not attend school.

If your child(ren) develop any of the above symptoms and/ or becomes unwell whilst in school they will be sent home and will be required to seek a PCR test.

Thank you for working with us to keep everyone safe during these ever changing and challenging times. We continue to ask for your continued support so we can reduce the spread and ensure that School remains open.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. A. Brogden  
Head Teacher