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Dear Parents/Carers

### National Guidance Update

We have had a great start to the term and I am really pleased to see how settled the children are and how focused they are on their learning.

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 Saltersgate Infant School.

Currently we have in excess of **50 COVID related absences in school**. We continue to do what we can in school to control infection but there is clearly a limit to what we can sensibly achieve.

In addition to learning in school, we deliver remote learning wherever possible and all children in our school are taught by familiar adults.

### Reminders for the remainder of the term - your support is greatly appreciated:

- **PCR Tests continue to be required if your child displays symptoms of COVID-19.**
- Updated self-isolation guidance is available below for your reference.

### Links to Testing

If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms, please click here **to book a PCR test** for your child

### Changes to the self-isolation period for pupils who test positive for COVID-19 (correct as of 17 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 hours later). All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

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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.

Yours sincerely

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**\* 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 [familysupport@saltersgate-inf.doncaster.sch.uk](mailto:familysupport@saltersgate-inf.doncaster.sch.uk)**