

# Newburgh CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Updated Covid-19 guidance

As I am sure you are aware there have been several updates to the Covid-19 guidance with more updates due next week. As a school I have the following updates to share with you.

We continue to update risk assessments, ensure hygiene measures are followed, maintain appropriate cleaning regimes and keep occupied spaces well ventilated. We have installed CO2 monitors in the classrooms and use these tools to monitor ventilation levels.

We continue to operate as whole school currently as appropriate with breakfast and afterschool club operating as one group.

### PCR Testing

Currently a PCR test must take place for any individual displaying the 3 main Covid-19 symptoms:

- High temperature
- New, continuous cough
- Loss, or change to your sense of smell or taste.

Children should not attend school with any of these symptoms, or if they have had a positive PCR test. Parents must inform school immediately in the event of receiving a positive PCR test result.

A PCR test should also take place in the event of undertaking an LFD which is positive (this guidance will change on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January when a confirmation PCR will no longer be required to confirm a positive LFD test). In the event of testing positive using an LFD from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January isolation must occur immediately and school must be notified of this result using our [LFD Notification Form](#).



### LFD Testing

Many of you may already be engaging in regular LFD testing in order to protect our community for which we thank you. There is no need to notify school of LFD results in the event of this testing, unless your child tests positive in which case inform school using the link above.

If your child is identified as a contact of a positive case of Covid-19 there is no need to isolate but you may be advised to complete a daily LFD and report this result to school (using the form above) and to [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) for 7 days after the contact occurred. Daily testing in this way will help to reduce transmission and keep children in face to face education. Should contact take place in school you will be notified by a 'Warn and Inform Letter' so you can proceed accordingly. Children under the age of 5 are exempt from this.

In the event of there being a confirmed case of Covid-19 in households children will be required to participate in daily LFD testing in the morning before attending school. This result must be reported to school and Gov.uk using the respective forms. In order to prevent transmission from households to school community we will continue to support parents who wish to isolate as a household and will authorise absences in this instance and provide remote learning for children. Again, children under the age of 5 are not required to undertake daily LFD testing but should get a PCR test as soon as possible and continue as normal until they receive the result of that test.

LFD testing may now (as of 22<sup>nd</sup> December) be used to reduce isolation times in the event of positive cases of Covid-19. In this instance an LFD may be used on days 6 and 7. If both tests are negative and you do not have a high temperature, isolation can end. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 and then second test must be 24 hours after the first test. Test results should be reported to school and to Gov.uk. This also applies to children under the age of 5 who have tested positive for Covid-19 in order to end their isolation early.

If you are unable to get hold of LFD tests unfortunately isolation must continue up to and including day 10. If this is an issue for you please contact school directly.

We continue to ask you all to maintain social distance and wear masks when on school premises.

Thank you once again for your support



**Rebecca Fowler**  
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