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January 2022
Flexible Covid
response

Adjustments and adaptations reflecting
current DFE and PHE guidance

At Bramcote College our core values are 'Work Hard. Be Well. Do Well.'
Our flexible Covid response is grounded in supporting students' learning, progress and wellbeing in the best way possible to mitigate for our current circumstances.

As a result of the Omicron Covid variant, advice to schools has changed somewhat. This update is valid from Tuesday 11th January 2022

Contact Tracing

- Close contacts in schools will continue to be identified by [NHS Test and Trace](#). Schools & Colleges are not expected to undertake contact tracing.
- All individuals who are contacted through Test and Trace will be given specific advice which may include self-isolation and advice to take a [PCR test](#) by the local health protection team or NHS Test and Trace if they fall into this category and provided details about self-isolation.

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Isolation Rules

Isolation rules remain unchanged: if you **have NOT been contacted by Test and Trace** as a close contact with a positive case and you are either fully vaccinated or under the age of 18 years and 6 months you are **not required to self-isolate** if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 and have had a negative LFT, you are, however, advised to test regularly.

Students and staff are not required to self isolate IF

- * they are fully vaccinated adults
- * they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- * they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

However, they may be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a **PCR test**. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Staff who do not need to isolate, and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, **should continue to attend school as normal.**



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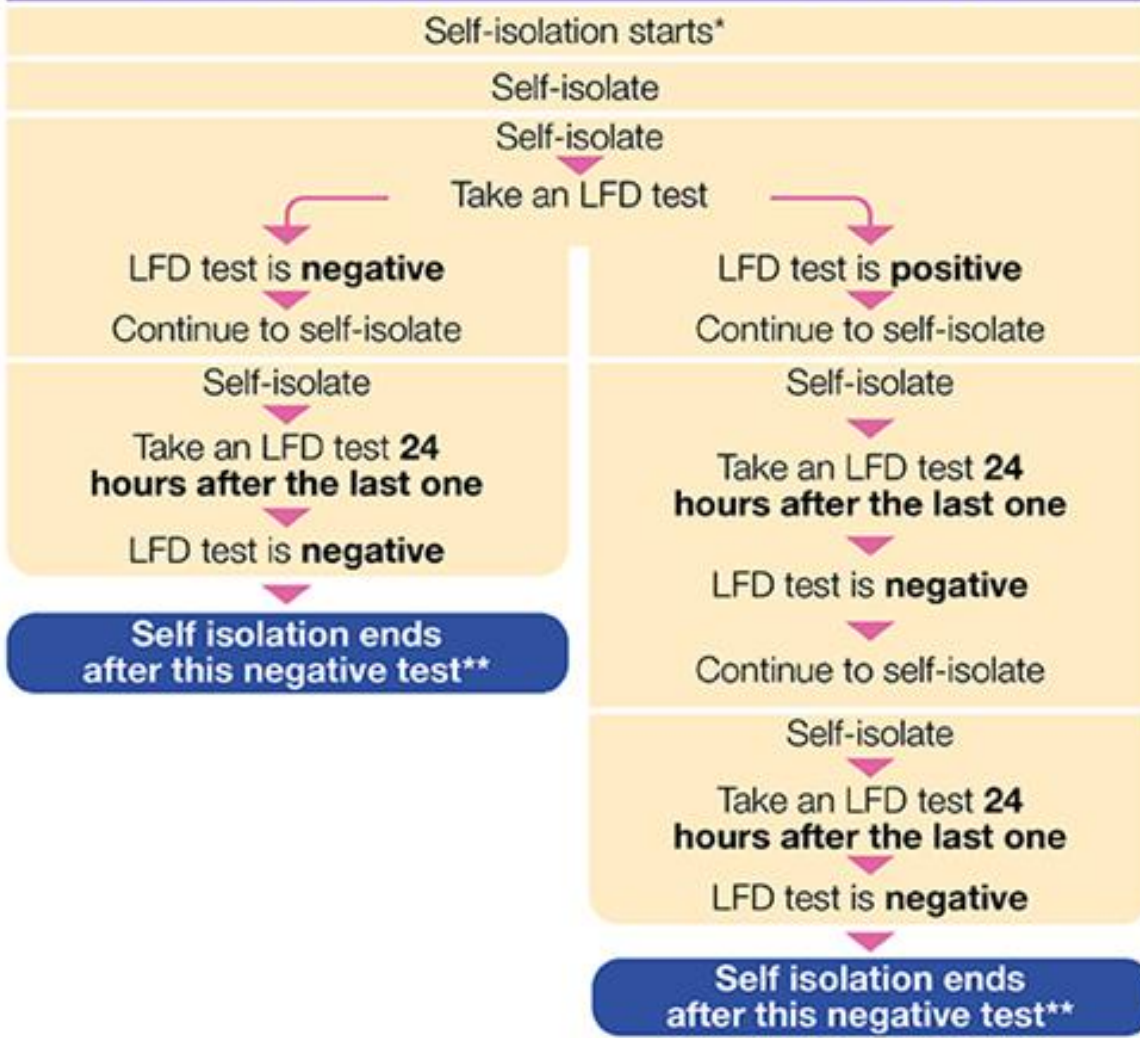
10 day self-isolation



Day of isolation



Ending self-isolation early using LFD tests



* Day your symptoms started or your test was taken if you do not have symptoms
** You can stop self-isolating if you do not have a high temperature

LDT Tests in this diagram refer to Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs)

If you child does not have Covid-like symptoms	If you child has symptoms (If in doubt – do not send your child to school)	If someone in your household has tested positive	If your child has tested positive for Covid on a LFT
<p>Regular testing using LFTs supplied by school or obtained via the government website or from pharmacies etc.</p> <p>We recommend twice weekly testing e.g. Wednesday & Sunday</p> <p>Please report results on the NHS website</p> <p>Please inform school if your child has had a positive LFT</p>	<p>If you child has any of the following symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever • Cough • Loss of sense of smell or taste • Runny nose • Headache • Fatigue (mild or severe) • Sneezing • Sore throat <p>Please do not send your child to school unless your child has completed a LFT and it is negative.</p> <p>Anyone with cold / flu symptoms should stay home.</p>	<p>Your child must complete a LFT and it must be negative. While there is Covid within the household, we would recommend doing daily LFTs.</p> <p>Children under the age of 18y 6m, and anyone who is fully vaccinated is not expected to self isolate due to a household case if they are testing negative.</p> <p>Please inform the school if you have any concerns.</p>	<p>Students should self isolate for up to 10 days.</p> <p>Please contact school to inform us.</p> <p>As of January 11th a follow up PCR is not required.</p> <p>Students can do a LFT on day 6, if this is negative, they must repeat this on day 7, if this is also negative they may return to school on day 8. Please provide school with evidence before sending your child back to school prior to the end of the 10 day period.</p>

The expectations we have of our students and families around Covid testing and symptoms

- Students must **be aware of Covid symptoms** and if they are developing them (these include **any** of the following: a persistent cough, loss of taste / smell, temperature headaches, sore throat, cold symptoms, unexpected tiredness, diarrhoea) – if they do, they **MUST TELL an adult**
- If students or a family member that they live with **test positive** for Covid, students are asked **to inform the school and complete regular LFTs**
- If a student has Covid symptoms they must **complete a LFT or a PCR test** to confirm whether or not they have Covid and **INFORM** the school
- Students are asked to complete **LFTs twice weekly** to check for asymptomatic cases

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The expectations we have of our students and families around Covid testing and symptoms (continued)

- Parents / carers are expected to inform the school if their child has a positive LFT. Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive LFT are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11th January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFT will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.
- If a student has a positive LFT or PCR test, they must self isolate for 10 days, however, since December 22nd the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most if they are able to home test using a LFT.
- Individuals may now take LFTs on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7. School MUST receive evidence of these negative tests prior to a student returning to school.



Changes in place from January 2022

- Students are currently required to wear a facemask in corridors or classrooms (unless they are exempt and wearing a lanyard). *This is currently a temporary measure following Government guidance.*
- Adults in school are also wearing a facemask, however, teachers can take them off when teaching from the front of the classroom. *This is currently a temporary measure following Government guidance.*



Hygiene around school

- Students are encouraged to be responsible for their own hygiene throughout the school day; the site has numerous hand sanitiser dispensers and students have access to soap and water in several locations
- Students will be reminded to sanitise / wash their hands regularly throughout the day
- Students are reminded to 'catch it, bin it, kill it' by using tissues when they cough or sneeze and ensuring that they are properly thrown away
- Personal space continues to be important; students are reminded to respect others' personal space and also to keep touching to an absolute minimum and consider the importance of consent
- Students are also reminded to avoid touching their own eyes, nose and mouth and to sanitise their hands before and after doing so
- Students may be asked to wipe down their desks / keyboards etc. after / before use
- Open windows and doors for good ventilation will make sure that fresh air is circulating as much as possible in classrooms and public spaces

The school will continue to employ an additional member of staff who is responsible for cleaning 'touch points' such as doors, bannisters etc. throughout the school day, as well as our usual cleaning team who come in at the end / start of the school day.



Classroom Routines

- Students are expected to **follow one way systems** which has been set up in some parts of the school and on the stairs
- Students are expected to **respect personal space** while moving around school
- Students are expected to **sit in their seating plan places** in all lessons
- Students are expected to **tidy (and possibly clean) their desks** / work spaces / computers at the end of the lesson
- Students should have their **own pencil case** with basic equipment in; if they don't have one, they can get one from Student Support
- **Classrooms must be well ventilated**, so expect windows to be open. Do not close classroom windows. (the Government have promised CO₂ monitors for every school in England)



Routines in school

- Different year groups will have **specific times** when they can **access the canteen / dining hall** (as space is limited here).
- **Year groups** will continue to have their own **outdoor area** but we are now also giving them access to **the Astro Turf and tennis courts on two days per week** to give students more space to play football / tennis etc.
- Open windows and doors in classrooms to ensure good ventilation
- Students travelling to and from school on the school (Trowell) minibus are still expected to wear a facemask on the minibus
- **Students are still expected to wear full school uniform in school.** This includes school PE kit which students will change into when they have PE (students can come to school in PE kit if they have PE lesson 1 and go home in PE kit if they have PE lesson 4).
- Students will need a warm and waterproof coat - **hoodies are NOT acceptable as coats.**



Outbreak management plan

- The measures explained in previous slides may have to adapt if there is a significant increase in cases either in school, or in the local area, or nationally. School will follow all advice issued by Public Health England and the Department for Education.

Home learning

- Students who are not able to be in school due to Covid will be able to access work and communicate with their teachers on Teams if they are well enough to do so.
- Students working from home can follow their normal timetable by logging on to Teams and following the posts and assignments in each subject team.
- For any concerns around home learning, or requests for equipment to make home learning accessible, please contact your child's head of year or form tutor.

Green = no cases in school under 100 cases per 100,000 in the local area

Amber = some cases in school and over 100 cases per 100,000 in the local area

Red = multiple cases in school which suggest transmission in school is likely



Stepping up Covid measures, if necessary

- **Bubbles:** We are maintaining year group spaces at break and lunch time to minimise year group mixing in school. However, should cases rise significantly the school will consider returning to the homeroom system to minimise mixing within year groups when students are moving between subjects.
- **Track and Trace:** as explained previously, school is no longer required to track and trace close contacts should a student have a positive LFT, however, if cases rise within the school we may be required to resume this, which will result in the school sending students who are close contacts home to self isolate. Students will be provided with access to online learning with their normal class teachers (including access to a laptop & internet if needed) and FSM support if necessary in this case
- If the level of cases amongst our staff creates issues with safely providing cover for lessons and supply teachers are not available the school may need to ask a larger bubble to return temporarily to home learning using Teams and online lessons, however, this is a last resort and all possible alternatives will be considered first.

The school will monitor advice from Public Health England, the Department for Education and the Government regarding the changing picture for Covid both nationally and locally. Parents / carers, staff and students will be kept informed of any changes.



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Vaccinations for 12-15 year olds

- Young people aged 12 to 15 in England are now being offered a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at a minimum of 12 weeks from the first dose, following advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).
- Parents can book first or second vaccinations for their child, if aged 12 or over, through the [NHS booking system](#).

