

Monday 10th January 2022

Dear parent/carer,

SUBJECT: COVID-19 updates beginning Tuesday 11th January 2022

Confirmatory PCR tests to be temporarily suspended for positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results:

Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms. From Tuesday 11th January, if your child gets a positive LFD test they must isolate straight away. They do not need to go for a PCR test to confirm this result. This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Please inform the school if your child tests positive.

Anyone who develops any of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home, self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed.

Testing is still encouraged even if a person has tested positive in the last 90 days.

A reminder that the self-isolation advice for people with COVID-19 has also changed. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart. The first LFD test should not be taken before the sixth day. More information [HERE](#).



Visiting the school and making appointments:

I would like to draw your attention to our latest COVID-19 Risk Assessment which has now been published on our dedicated [COVID-19 Information](#) website page. The latest changes and additions are highlighted in pink to assist you.

Due to the growing number of COVID-19 cases in the Catterick area, we are now requesting that **you carry out an LFD test before you enter the school building** for your pre-arranged appointment.

I am hopeful that this request will only be for a short period of time but I'm sure you will appreciate that this will assist the school and aid us further in our aim of protecting, wherever we can, the health and safety of our pupils, staff and wider community.

Please avoid coming into the reception area and contact the receptionist via the intercom. The reception is a small space and social distancing is not always possible.

Teachers are unlikely to be able to meet parents without previously booking an appointment due to their teaching commitments. Please remember that staff are happy to be contacted via [email](#).

Thank you in anticipation for your understanding and support,

Mrs G Morrissey

Director of Facilities and COVID-19 Coordinator at Risedale School