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Dear Parent/Carer,

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year! It was lovely to welcome back our children and staff into school once again this morning.

From the updated DfE guidance there are many things which remain the same and some things which are different. Here is the full DfE guidance for parents and carers, updated as of 2nd of January 2022.

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges)

Information on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

The self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) has 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. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these 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 setting from day 8.

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts.

If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result.



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If they test is positive, they should follow the guidance below.

[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

Please continue to keep your child off school if they are unwell at all and take your child for a PCR test if needed.

We had planned to invite parents/carers into school for face to face meetings this term to discuss your child's progress however, in line with the rise in cases we now plan to use Teams or the phone for parent meetings and consultations. Hopefully as guidance allows and infections decrease we can start face to face parent meetings again and also reintroduce parent events in school.

If you have any questions, please contact us in school on 0161 770 8321 or email info@alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk

Any positive cases can be reported using: covid19@alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk and this is checked daily by Mrs Seabright – Headteacher.

Our Covid19 Risk Assessment and Outbreak Management Plan has been revised and is on our school web-site www.alexandrapark.oldham.sch.uk

We thank all our families for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jenny Seabright
Headteacher