



Spring Term Update 2

18th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Covid Update

In light of the change in isolation periods from yesterday, I thought it would be worth sharing the latest information to come from the Department of Education, hopefully clearing up how you can end isolation after five days and also who is eligible.

In the past, changes to guidance only ever related to new cases from the date of the update. This latest change applies to **all** current positive cases as well as those testing positive from Monday 17th.

In short, people who are self-isolating can reduce their isolation period to five days if they test negative with an LFT on both day five and day six. For example, if they test on the morning of day five and the morning of day 6, they could return to school immediately on day 6.

If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get two negative LFT results or until they have completed ten days, whichever is earliest.

I continue to track the cases across the school and where necessary will write directly to classes if I notice a trend or can identify links. We continue to operate broadly within our outbreak management plan.

Absences (In General)

There will, of course, be pupils who are off school because they are just 'unwell'. Please can I ask that you inform the school if your child is not going to be in so that we can mark the register accordingly? We will make contact with families where we are not aware of a reason on the first day of absence.

Parents should also cancel their child's school lunch via School Grid if they usually have school dinners as you may still be charged by Herts Catering if this is not done.

School Payments

As we mentioned recently, we are in the process of switching over our Management Information System which, in the long term, will make everything so much easier. That being said, there are inevitably a few teething problems and therefore I would ask for your patience whilst Mrs Lanni and Mrs Cook transfer all the payment details over to the new system.

Finance Manager

I mentioned in my blog that we were interviewing this week for Mrs Cook's replacement as she plans her retirement. We did not appoint today and therefore we have re-advertised the position on [Teach In Herts](#).

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of the school.

Best wishes,



Steve Mills
Headteacher