



11<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you and yours safe and well.

The return to school is going well. Students are working hard and continuing in the very vast majority of cases to be being respectful, kind and considerate of each other. We have been really pleased with how students are responding to the latest round of Covid measures and to the wearing of masks. Thanks to everyone who responded to our survey re mask exemption. All eligible students should now have an exemption card. Similarly, we are seeing an improvement in punctuality. We will review this again next week and be contacting home if your child is persistently late.

I am writing for two reasons today. Firstly, I wanted to update you on some further changes brought in by the government with effect from today.

### **Confirmatory PCR tests suspended if an individual gets a positive LFT**

From 11<sup>th</sup> January people who receive a positive LFT will be asked to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a PCR. This is a temporary measure whilst rates are high.

Under this new approach, anyone who receives a positive LFT result should [report their result](#) and must self-isolate immediately but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test. After reporting a positive LFD test result, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace so that their contacts can be traced and must continue to self-isolate.

### **No Symptoms**

This change only applies to people who do not have symptoms. If your child, or yourself, have symptoms then you should stay at home, self-isolate and get a PCR test.

### **Exceptions**

There are a few exceptions to this revised approach:

- People who are eligible for the £500 Test and Trace Support Payment (TTSP) will still be asked to take a confirmatory PCR if they receive a positive LFD result, to enable them to access financial support.
- People participating in research or surveillance programmes may still be asked to take a follow-up PCR test, according to the research or surveillance protocol

## **6 and 7 Day Testing Rule**

Those who are isolating no longer have to isolate for the full 10 days if they get a negative result on a LFT on day 6, followed by a further negative result 24 hours later on day 7. If this applies to your child we will clearly welcome them back to school. However, we would ask that you send in photos of the two negative LFTs showing the barcode in the picture so we know we can keep everyone safe when receiving them back in school. Please send to [attendance@salehighschool.org.uk](mailto:attendance@salehighschool.org.uk) . Thank you.

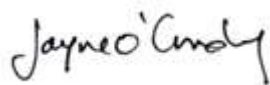
I know that all the changes can be hard to keep up with; I have attached a graphic which I hope you will find beneficial in keeping up with the changes.

## **Website**

On a completely different topic, you may have noticed that our website had a 'face lift' in September. Whilst we think it looks good, we are also interested in whether parents find the new layout helpful and user-friendly. Could you please respond to the very short survey to let us know what you think? Website survey link: <https://forms.office.com/r/cYQSD6RMQA>

Do get in touch if you have any queries.

Very best wishes,



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