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Dear Parent /Carer,

As you may know, the UK Health Security Agency (formerly PHE) has been made aware that some areas are reporting positive LFD test results with subsequent negative PCR tests. As a result, they are looking into the cause. ['Isolate if you have Covid-19 symptoms but test negative' - BBC News](#)

I am writing to update you on current guidance that we are following (please see below):

Whilst the UKHSA investigation is under way, we advise that if a pupil or staff member **meets all** of the following:

- **has** been in close contact with a positive case (such as a household member)
- **And is** displaying COVID-19 Symptoms (see below for symptoms list)
- **And** has tested positive on an LFD (but subsequently received a negative PCR test result),

**they are treated as COVID positive and we recommend they isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms** (this is a change from not attending due to illness). The isolation period includes the day symptoms started and the next 10 full days.

It should be noted that this is **advisory** and as such parents are unable to claim the COVID Self Isolation payment or other claims without a positive PCR result.

National guidance remains clear, that if people still feel unwell after a negative test, they should stay at home until feeling better. When people test negative via a PCR test but go on to develop COVID-19 symptoms after the test they should take another PCR test.

Pupils who are household contacts of a positive case, but **remain well**, can take daily LFD whilst awaiting PCR results. If negative they can remain in school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/main-symptoms/>

I understand that you may find this updated guidance frustrating, however please be assured we are **recommending** the 10-day isolation period to ensure we limit the transmission and keep children and our community as safe as possible.

Kind regards

Tim Farrer  
Headteacher