

TLA / GPA

11th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

On 22nd December 2021, the guidance regarding self-isolation changed to allow people to end their period of self-isolation early if they tested negative, using lateral flow device tests, on Day 6 and Day 7 with the tests needing to be carried out 24 hours apart. Furthermore, the guidance has also been updated, effective from today, in respect of those people who are asymptomatic but receive a positive result on a lateral flow device test.

We have therefore amended our processes here at Alec Hunter and to ensure that we continue to keep our school community as safe as possible, it is important that the new guidelines are understood and adhered to at all times. We have created two documents, attached, which clearly explain the different approaches that are now in place in respect of asymptomatic and symptomatic cases of Covid-19. Please keep these documents in an accessible place for you to refer to as necessary.

You will see there is no longer a 'one size fits all' approach and **clear communication between the parent(s) and the school is crucial** so that we understand fully the circumstances surrounding your child. A summary of the key points is as follows:

- If your child is absent for reasons relating to Covid-19, it is imperative that you complete our Covid-19 Student Absence Form via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/SN1xajeLPZ>. The completion of this form will ensure that your child's absence is recorded correctly and they will receive remote learning for the duration of their absence.
- If your child is showing symptoms of Covid-19, **please do not send them to school**. Instead, please arrange a PCR test at the earliest opportunity and ensure they self-isolate until the test result is received.
- Please use Test Register (www.testregister.co.uk) to log **all lateral flow device test results**. This includes all negative test results, positive test results and Day 6 and 7 test results. If you are unable to access Test Register, please let us know by emailing covid19@alechunter.com.
- If your child has tested positive, **please do not send them back to school prior to completion of their 10-day self-isolation period unless you have provided evidence of the Day 6 and Day 7 negative lateral flow device test**. You can provide evidence by uploading the test results to www.testregister.co.uk or by providing photographic evidence to covid19@alechunter.com. Please note that the tests must be taken 24 hours apart.
- In the event that your child still has symptoms at the end of their period of self-isolation (with the exception of a cough, which can linger), **please do not send them back to school**.

If you need any advice or guidance in respect of your individual circumstances, please contact Miss Partridge on 01376 321813 or by email to covid19@alechunter.com. I would again like to thank all those students who are testing on a regular basis and thank you, our parent community, for your ongoing support in these extraordinary times.

Yours sincerely,



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