

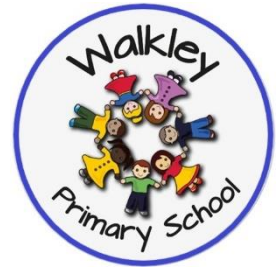
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Covid – 19 Update to Parents – Reducing the Self-Isolation Period for Positive Cases

Dear parents/carers

From Wednesday 22nd December 2021, positive cases will be able to leave self-isolation if they take LFD tests on two consecutive days from Day 6, these must be taken at least a full 24 hours apart.

Both test results on each day must be negative and if the case does not have a high temperature, they can leave self-isolation.

Those leaving self-isolation early as a result of these changes will be strongly advised to follow the current Winter Plan B regulations in place, including limiting close contact with others outside their household, especially in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces.

Where a case is already on day 7 or day 8 on the 22nd December they will still need two negative LFD tests at least a full 24 hours apart to be able to leave self-isolation early.

What is changing?

From **Wednesday 22nd December** all isolation periods for positive cases, **in England**, can leave self-isolation if they:

- Take two LFD tests on subsequent days, at least a full 24 hours apart, with the first test on at least the sixth full day of their self-isolation (not counting the 'onset day').
- Obtain negative results on both these days and do not have a high temperature.

Positive cases who started their self-isolation prior to the 22nd December will be able to undertake LFD tests on consecutive days from Day 6, a full 24 hours apart, and if these tests are negative will be able to leave isolation.

What is not changing?

There is no change to isolation guidance for close contacts, unvaccinated adults still need to isolate for 10 days.

Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who have been identified as a case may end self-isolation and continue to attend the setting as normal after 7 days, following two negative LFD test results taken 24 hours apart. The first of these LFD tests should be taken no earlier than 6 days.

Yours sincerely

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