



Blackfen School for Girls

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Dear parents/carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support for both the policies of the school and track, trace and test and the ever changing guidance. You are doing all you can to ensure that all members of our community are being kept safe.

I would like to remind all parents and carers what they must do should either a member of the household have symptoms or a member of the household who attends the school have symptoms.

If your daughter or son is self-isolating because they are displaying symptoms of Covid-19 you must let the school know that they will not be in school. Please make sure you tell us the date of the onset of symptoms. They will be entered as an X in the register (code for self-isolating) for the following 14 days. Work will be provided via Teams during this period of time. Your son/daughter must access Teams to find the work. If they have a test, they must wait until they receive the test result before returning to school, and then only return if the test result is negative. If they have a negative test result you must notify us in school. You do not need to provide proof of the result but you must let us know so that we can take the X out of the register on the day they return to school. Under no circumstances can they return to school before the results of the test, even if they are feeling better.

If the test result is positive, you must let the school know as soon as possible. Your daughter/son should continue to isolate for 10 days from the result of the test and continue to access remote learning.

If a member of the household displays symptoms, all other members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days. Please let the school know that this is the case. Your daughter/son will be entered as X on the register for 14 days and work will be provided via Teams. If the member of the household who has symptoms tests negative for Covid-19, your daughter/son can return to school straightaway. You must notify us of this so that we can take the X out of the register. If the member of the household tests positive for Covid-19, all other members of the household must continue to self-isolate for 14 days. Please notify the school if this is the case. A negative test for your daughter/son at this point does not mean that they can return to school until the 14 days of isolation are completed. Should your son/daughter display symptoms on day 13, they must continue to self-isolate for a further 10 days. You must notify the school of this. However, if they have a test during these 10 days and it is negative, they can then return to school. Please notify us of this negative test. If it is positive, they must remain in self-isolation.

It is so important that you continue to communicate with us and notify us of all test results. This means that we don't then need to phone home when a student who was self-isolating returns to school and we have not been told what their status is. All messages on the student absence line are listened to every day.



Below is the key extract from the risk assessment.

Schools must ensure that staff members, students and parents/carers understand that they will need to be ready and willing to book a test if they are displaying symptoms and not attend school and let the school know the result of the test when known immediately. The school should not ask for proof of a negative test.

Thank you for your support in this matter and please do ask if you are unsure about anything.

Yours sincerely,



Matthew Brown
Head Teacher

