



14th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

So, just as we put one set of new COVID guidance into operation, it is changed and a whole new set comes into play. The significant benefit is that children who have COVID but are not poorly can return to school sooner; the down side is that so many changes in rapid succession cause a lot of confusion for all concerned. Here is the latest guidance which will come into effect on Monday 17th January:

“From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 can end their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, **if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.**

Day zero	Onset of symptoms or (if not symptoms) first positive test.
Days 1 to 4	Self-isolation for all.
Day 5	Take a lateral flow test; continue self-isolation.
Days 6 to 10	Can return to school if showing 2 negative lateral flow tests on consecutive days.
Day 11	Return to school.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation and return to school on day 11.

Those who leave self-isolation on or after day 6 are strongly advised to wear face coverings and limit close contact with other people in crowded or poorly ventilated spaces and to minimise contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19 until day 11.

The default self-isolation period continues to be 10 days, and pupils may only leave self-isolation early if they have taken 2 rapid lateral flow tests and do not have a temperature, in line with guidance.”

Covid vaccinations

At the start of next week the School Aged Immunisation Service from Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care Trust will visit school to vaccinate those pupils who are participating in this offer. They have requested that the pupils involved bring the vaccination card issued last time if possible. If you have any queries relating to these vaccinations, **please contact the immunisation team directly on 0161 366 2139 and not the school.**

Free workshops for parents and carers

We have been made aware of some free workshops aimed at parents/carers of children and young people attending Tameside schools. Two such workshops are detailed below along with a link to access them.

A workshop around understanding how **anxiety** may present in children and young people and practical advice in supporting them. It will offer the opportunity to meet other parents/ carers who may also have an anxious child, understand the different ways this may present in your child and practical ways to support this. Click [here](#) for more information.

A workshop around understanding how **behaviour** may present in children and young people and practical advice in supporting them. It will offer the opportunity to meet other parents/ carers who may also be curious about managing their children's behaviour at home, understand the different ways behaviour can present in your child and practical ways to support this. Click [here](#) for more information.

Superstar fund-raiser



I simply have to mention one of our Year 8 superstars, Lucas, who has hit the press this week for his fundraising challenge to famous footballers.

Lucas, 13, suffers from Cerebral Palsy and has had plenty of support from local charity, the Believe and Achieve Trust. To give something back, the Hyde High School pupil is asking footballers to play him in an online match of the multi-million copy selling video game FIFA 22.

However, there's a catch. Due to Lucas' disability, he plays the game one handed, meaning his opponents will have to adhere to the same rule. If he wins, they donate a shirt to be auctioned, but should he lose he must undertake a forfeit.

Lucas is confident he can take on all comers, and has asked the hosts at Tameside Radio to pick a "super-forfeit"

He has previously raised an amazing £1,000 for the Believe and Achieve Trust after playing a 12 hour live stream. His family are incredibly proud of Lucas and his kind-hearted efforts to raise funds, as are we! Go get 'em Lucas!

Finally, a reminder that Friday 28th January is the final INSET day for this year and school will be closed to all pupils.

Wishing all of our pupils and families a lovely weekend,

Keep safe and well,

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