

Principal's Update as at January 23rd 2022

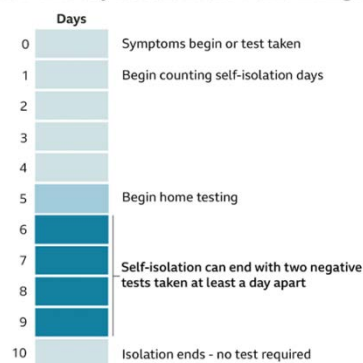
Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope that you and your children are well as we begin Week 4 of what has already been a busy start to the Spring Term. Students have been a credit to us in the opening weeks of 2022, representing the school fantastically well to a number of external visitors and at a number of external venues. Despite increasing our place numbers with the Department of Education in 2021/22 due to popular demand, we are once again an oversubscribed school and it is pleasing that the hard work of students, staff and parents continues to enhance our reputation.

Firstly, you are probably aware that there have been some recent changes to the government's Coronavirus guidance and I would like to remind you of some of these. There is no longer a requirement for students to wear face masks in classrooms, and from January 27th, there will no longer be a recommendation for students to wear face masks in communal areas either. In addition to this, you are no longer required to book a PCR test if you test positive for Coronavirus on a "Lateral Flow" test and show no symptoms. However, if you do have symptoms, you still need to book a PCR test.

If students do test positive for Coronavirus, you may also be aware that the self-isolation period has changed. If 2 negative "Lateral Flow" tests are returned after the fifth day of self-isolation on two consecutive days, self-isolation can end. The diagram below gives a useful summary of this.

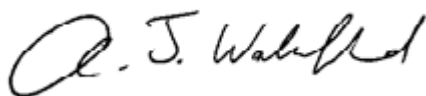
How five-day isolation rule works in England



Secondly, we are pleased to confirm that the school nursing team will be back at The Edge on **Monday 14th March** to give students either their second dose of the Coronavirus vaccine or their first dose if they have not already had it. (Remember that you do not have to wait for this date and that you can also book a vaccination for your child immediately at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>). If you have any further questions regarding Coronavirus, please e-mail our Medical Needs Lead and Designated Senior Person Calum Hill at calum.hill@theedgeacademy.co.uk.

Finally, another reminder following previous correspondence that Wednesday February 2nd is an INSET Day and so school is closed to all students on this day. As usual, please feel free to contact me directly at andrew.wakefield@theedgeacademy.co.uk if there are any further questions I can assist with in any way regarding this letter.

Yours faithfully,



Andrew Wakefield

Principal