

# MAYESPARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

You may be aware that we continue to have positive cases appearing across the school, including many where children do not have symptoms.

I would very much appreciate it if your child/ren continue to do **lateral flow tests twice a week** before coming to school for the sake of all the children, the staff and our community. We do not want to have to return to remote learning.

Please book a PCR test if your child shows any symptoms such as headache, high temperature, body aches or sore throat.

As you already know Government guidelines have changed from Monday – it's called 'the 5-day rule' – but is it?

We realise that the wording in the government and NHS literature can sometimes appear confusing. The guidelines refer to isolation in FULL days. Therefore, the day your child's symptoms begin or they have a positive lateral flow result is Day 0. Day 1 is their first FULL day in isolation.

On Day 5 have your child take a lateral flow test (early morning) and if it is negative report it on the NHS website. Please do not send your child to school. Then please take another lateral flow test on Day 6 (24 hours later). If this is negative, report it to the NHS website and send the confirmation for Day 5 & Day 6 to the school office. Once this is done, you may bring your child into school on Day 6.

If the lateral flow test is **positive** on Day 5 or Day 6 and/or both – your child must continue to isolate and test every day until they have a clear 24 hours between two negative lateral flow tests before resuming school.

We hope this helps. This has been and continues to be a difficult and frustrating time, whilst the government continue to change the rules.

Yours faithfully

Ms E Davies  
Headteacher

