

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to you regarding the changes in the rules for self-isolation that are coming in to force on Monday 16th August.

The guidance for anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 and/or tests positives for COVID-19 states that they are still required to self-isolate along with anyone living in the same household for 10 days.

However, from **Monday the 16**th **August** anyone under the age of 18 years and 6 months who has been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and does not live in the same household will no-longer be required to self-isolate.

Furthermore, anyone over the age of 18 who has had both COVID-19 Vaccines who has been identified as a close contact of someone who tests positive for COVID-19 but does not live in the same household will no-longer be required to self-isolate.

Whilst this is a welcomed change in minimising the amount of people having to self-isolate we feel it is important to make you aware that as a setting each time we have a positive case we still have to make a decision as to whether or not we can safely stay open.

This decision will be taken based on a risk assessment as to whether or not we have enough staff to stay open ensuring we are operating in legal ratio's of adults to children and it is safe to remain open.

This could mean that we have to reduce numbers, partially close or fully close depending on staffing numbers.

Should this be the case we will contact all parents/carers via Family as soon as possible.

Kind Regards

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