



# Whitley Park Primary and Nursery School

Brixham Road, Reading RG2 7RB

Telephone: 0118 937 5566

Fax: 0118 937 5198

Email: [head@whitleypark.reading.sch.uk](mailto:head@whitleypark.reading.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Mr Nathan Butler-Broad

Website: [www.whitleyparkprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.whitleyparkprimaryschool.co.uk)

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January

## COVID Guidance

Dear parent/carer,

We are currently fielding a large volume of calls from parents regarding the changes to isolation guidance and expectations of COVID testing. It does sometimes feel like these are forever changing and this can make some aspects confusing.

Attached, alongside this letter, is an updated flow chart which I hope will make some aspects simpler and be a useful point of reference for families and school staff. As the guidance changes, we will continue to update this. Looking forward, it appears like we can expect some relaxation to restrictions but this is not yet confirmed.

Presently, we continue to keep parents informed of cases as they occur in each year group. I can see how this can cause some worry but we want to be open and honest with families. I would like to also reassure families that we are taking a balanced approach and trying to ensure sensible measures reduce opportunities for infection whilst at the same time, we continue to offer an education that meets children's needs in the best possible way.

The largest barrier to that currently is staffing capacity. We are having to be resourceful and flexible across the school. We will only close classes when we do not have enough staff to provide adequate supervision or if we have a recognised outbreak.

Currently, only one class is working from home (6K) but we are monitoring the number of cases daily. Your support with this is crucial. Please continue to use LFD tests regularly (twice a week is a recommended amount) for all children. If you or your child are identified as close contacts then test daily for seven days.

If you have a positive LFD result you need to isolate and follow the steps on the flow chart. You do not need to book a PCR unless you develop symptoms but you do need to register it at: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

I hope you find this information helpful and reassuring. We will continue to keep you informed as we move through this next phase and together I hope we can keep children in school and reduce the number of cases in our school community and beyond.

Kind regards

Nathan Butler-Broad  
Headteacher



2019-2022

