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'We commit ourselves to love, respect and serve one another as disciples of Jesus Christ'

Dear Parent,

I would like to provide all parents with the most recent advice and guidance in relation to COVID. The school has been following government guidance in relation to isolation periods and some parents have asked the school to provide further clarification, especially in the case where a child continues to have a positive lateral flow (LFT) on day 10:

- If your child tests positive using a LFT they must isolate immediately.
- Report the result at: https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result
- Your child should isolate for 10 days, however if on days 5 and 6 your child has a negative LFT's they can stop isolating on day 6.
- If your child is positive on day 5 but negative on days 6 and 7, they can return to school on day 7, this continues until day 10.
- If your child has no symptoms when they receive their positive LFT, then go on to develop symptoms the period of isolation will need to restart.
- If your child is still testing positive on day 10, they can return to school. The latest guidance from our health partners is that students who are still positive on day 10 should wear a face covering in school to protect others.
- Students who are still positive after day 10 should also not resume twice weekly LFT until 28 days after the initial infection.

I hope that the above provides greater clarity on an ever changing situation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Hibbard

Headteacher