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RE: Spring Term Covid Update

Dear Parents/ Carers,

A 'Happy New Year' to the Phoenix Community. Whatever shape the last two weeks took for you, I hope the winter break has been ultimately positive and restorative.

Obviously, this is a difficult time for us all in terms of infection rates for Covid 19. Please be reassured that we are keeping the school well ventilated, children are conducting regular handwashing and hand sanitising. We are limiting the amount of mixing children and adults are experiencing. A reminder for families that should your child experience any symptoms of Covid-19 then they should get a PCR test and remain at home until the result is known.

Changes to the Isolation period

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10-day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

Face to Face Learning

The high rates of COVID-19 may cause difficulties with the availability of staff. Our priority is



to keep the school open with children continuing face-to-face education. Where workforce issues arise, we may need to be flexible with how we cover classes and we may even have to put some classes together. We thank you in advance for your patience with this. Should we experience severe difficulties in covering classes and particular groups have to switch to remote learning, then we will let you know as soon as possible. I sincerely hope that this is not necessary and we will only do this as a last resort.

Thank you for your continued support, positivity and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Assig
Headteacher