



**COWBIT ST. MARY'S (ENDOWED)
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This is to re-iterate the Government's update on COVID isolation and testing guidelines. The school continues to follow our risk assessment which includes reducing mixing of pupils/staff where possible, hygiene, wiping down of surfaces and staff wearing masks in communal areas. The air filtering machines provided by Fellowes are continually in use in the classrooms and office.

If your child is isolating we will be putting work on Dojo as per government guidance. When your child is well enough to complete the work please return it to the class teacher. Teachers will upload work by the end of the school day as they are delivering lessons during school time.

The information below has been cut and pasted from DfE email:

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

This change came into effect in England on Monday 17 January and applies to all positive cases, regardless of vaccination status.

People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

The new rules also apply to people who are already isolating – so if someone was already isolating before Monday 17 January, they can take LFD tests on day 5 and 6 and if they are both negative and they have no temperature they can end their isolation.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

Thank you for your continued support.

All the best,

Mr Johnson

Headteacher

We are very proud of our school for being acknowledged as 'Good' by the National Society of Anglican and Methodist Schools.

'...a warm and friendly feel to the school and staff know pupils and families extremely well.'

Ofsted January 2019

Our Vision

We are a small, inclusive Church of England Primary School that welcomes everyone and encourages all voices to be heard. Through challenge and support, we strive towards each person becoming the best person God intended them to be, happily flourishing as human beings. We empower our whole school community to be hopeful about the future and to be drivers of positive change.