



ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 17th January 2022

THANK YOU TO MRS MARSH

Last week we said farewell to one of our lovely cooks- Mrs Marsh- who has moved onto a new job.

It is all change in the catering team as Mrs King will sadly also be retiring at the end of the month. Thank you to the house captains who helped present a gift and pictures to Mrs Marsh.

Good luck to Mrs Marsh too in her new role.



COVID-19- LATEST UPDATE FOR 17.1.22

FURTHER ADVICE RE ISOLATING AFTER A POSITIVE LFT OR PCR COVID-19 RESULT AND WHEN CHILDREN CAN RETURN TO SCHOOL

As indicated on ClassDojo, from today, people self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to end their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative on both day 5 and day 6 and do not have a temperature.

Individuals who are still positive on their rapid lateral flow tests on day 5 and 6, must stay in isolation until they have had 2 consecutive negative tests taken on separate days.

It is crucial that people isolating with COVID-19 wait until they have received 2 negative rapid lateral flow tests on 2 consecutive days to reduce the chance of still being infectious. 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. If an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on day 6 and day 7 to release from isolation.

It is also essential that 2 negative rapid lateral flow tests are taken on consecutive days and



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reported before individuals return to education, if leaving self-isolation earlier than the full 10-day period. For instance, if an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on both day 6 and day 7 to release from self-isolation, or positive on day 6, then a negative test is required on days 7 and 8, and so on until the end of day 10.

Those who leave self-isolation on or after day 6 are strongly advised to wear face coverings and limit close contact with other people as much as possible. For school children, this means the child wearing a mask if possible, and maintaining a safe distance from others whenever possible when seated at tables in the classroom or working closely with others.

The default self-isolation period continues to be 10 days, and you may only leave self-isolation early if you have taken 2 rapid lateral flow tests and do not have a temperature in line with guidance.

PCR TESTING

There is currently a temporary pause on confirmatory PCR tests for asymptomatic people who have tested positive via LFD. As a reminder, you are only asked to take a follow up PCR test after a positive LFD test if you are advised to do so by your GP or NHS/ Public Health.

If anyone has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, they are strongly advised to take a PCR test, not an LFD test. If someone with symptoms has already taken an LFD test for any reason and the result is positive, they do not however need to take a follow-up PCR test.

We hope this makes sense. Please refer to the national [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) site for more guidance if needed.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-for-those-with-covid-19-can-end-after-five-full-days-following-two-negative-lfd-tests>

ISLEHAM PRIMARY ADVICE

The number of positive cases in school has risen within the last week as indicated today via messages to parents.

Please continue to adhere to the health and hygiene measures we have in place.

As we have had notification of several children who tested positive 5 to 6 days ago who may be eligible to end their isolation if now negative, please can we ask parents to contact us if their child has had two consecutive negative tests after day 5 and will be returning to school before their full 10 day isolation?

Thank you in advance,
Mrs Skillern



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SCHOOL CONTACT & COMPLETING LEARNING TASKS AT HOME

For the time being whilst there are several children isolating at home from each year group, we will post a message about home learning on the main [class story page](#) of ClassDojo for each year group each day.

Please complete the work set if you are at home and your child is well enough to carry out home learning. Photos of work completed can be uploaded using the portfolio section for your child.

Your child should use their own QR code or login links for ClassDojo to upload their work.

Up until today we have not sent out Reception children's log-ins, but will send these today so that parents can submit via ClassDojo rather than Tapestry if they prefer.

Please email head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk if your child does not have their own QR code login.

Up to 4 hours of work tasks are expected to be completed each day.

Work can be submitted to the teacher for marking via the submit button within the portfolio section of your child's ClassDojo pages.

Please support us by ensuring your child logs in daily and completes the daily work tasks if isolating UNLESS they are too poorly. We are keen for the children to avoid any further disruption to their learning.

iPads continue to be available if your child does not have access to a suitable iPad or laptop to use for their learning throughout the day.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Our very own Miss Eatock and her band 'Flaming June' have won a 'song of the year' award at the FATEA magazine music awards. Miss Eatock writes all the band's songs herself, and recorded and produced the album herself too! Well done Miss Eatock.



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