

Drayton & Nightingale Partnership

Drayton Community Infant School and Nightingale Infant and Nursery School

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Dear Drayton and Nightingale families,

Following our previous communication, I am writing to update you with the current situation in school.

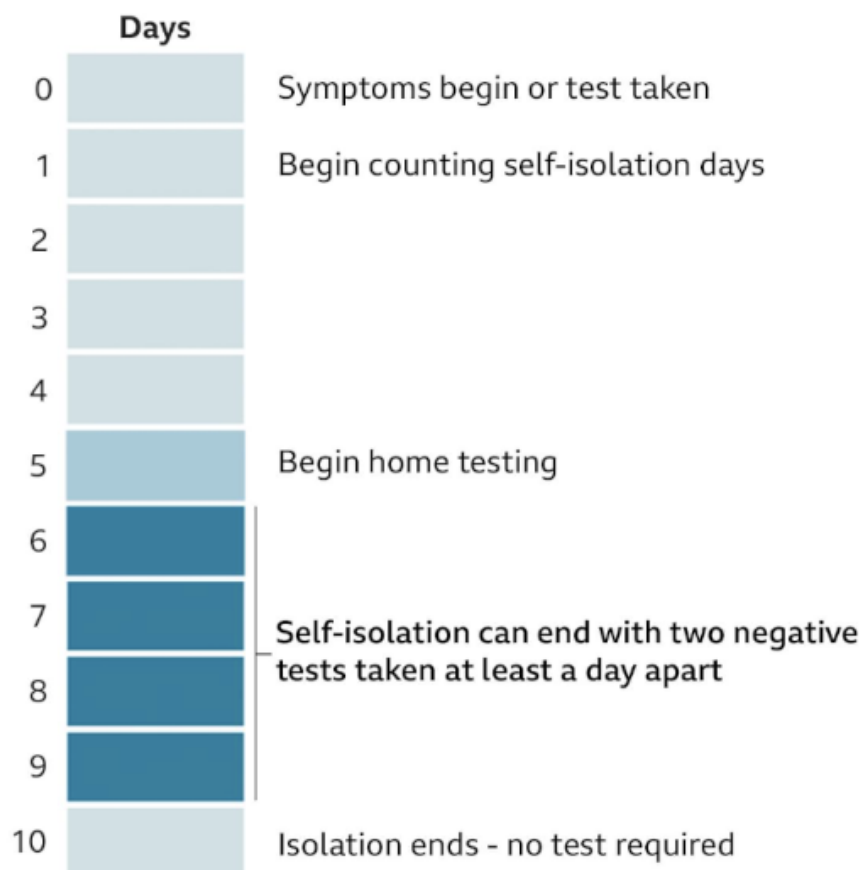
Both Drayton and Nightingale have seen a rise of cases for children and staff over the weekend and into this week. We continue to communicate with the outbreak management team to see if we can do any more to slow the spread of infection. As you will be aware, this is a common picture across many local schools, particularly with primary age children. They are continuing to advise children complete a LFD test daily if they have no symptoms or book a PCR if they have any of the identified symptoms (New continuous cough, loss of taste or smell, high temperature).

We are doing everything we can to keep both schools open to all children at a time where staffing is the most critical since the start of the pandemic. We have seen very few cases since March 2020 but the current variant and outbreak in the area is putting enormous strain on the team. We have begun to merge classes in both schools to ensure we can keep these open while still providing support for those who are learning from home.

As detailed in our Remote Learning Policy, we aim to provide teacher directed learning from day 3 of a child isolating with Covid-19. The staff are working hard to try to do this to the best of their ability however this may look very different from what you experienced during the full lockdowns. They currently have full-time teaching commitments in school as well as additional workload from covering the large number of staff who are absent. Some staff are able to work from home to support remote learning however others are too unwell at present. Where possible we are seeking the support from supply teachers however this is not always possible.

Please could I remind you of the testing and time period regarding ending isolation before day 10.

How five-day isolation rule works in England



Anybody still experiencing a temperature should continue to isolate after day 10.

We are managing staff on a daily basis so kindly ask that you complete the online form sent yesterday if and when your child reaches day 5. This will allow us to have a better idea of who to expect back in school each day and can plan accordingly.

We hope you and your child remain well and symptoms are mild. As well as Covid-19, there are many other bugs and illnesses currently and ask that child remain off school if they are not well enough to attend. Children who have had sickness or diarrhoea must remain off school for 48 hours following the last episode.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can support in anyway.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Hutt
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