**Covid Procedures January 2022**

1. Get a supply of lateral flow tests(lft) from a pharmacy or online, you will need them at some point.
2. If someone in your household tests positive, then your child will be a close contact and should be tested every day for 7 days (use lft ). This advice is for Reception to Y6.
3. If they then test positive and they haven’t had any symptoms, their day 1 is the day that they had the positive test. If they have symptoms (new cough, temperature, loss of taste or smell) then day one is the day that these symptoms started. If they test negative, they can come to school.
4. If your child is not a close contact but has symptoms, keep them off school and do a lateral flow test. If negative then come to school, if positive, follow the instructions below. This advice is for Nursery to Y6
5. Knowing day 1 is important as this will tell you when the isolation period will end:

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| Day | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|  | Positive test or first symptom |  |  |  |  | Lateral flow test | Lateral flow test 24 hours after day 6 |  |  |  |
| What to do | Call school;  isolate |  |  |  |  | If negative, take a test tomorrow  If positive continue to isolate until day 10 | If also negative,  Return to school on day 8 |  |  | Isolation ends, return to school tomorrow |

1. **Close contacts**

If we have a positive case in your child’s class, then your child will be a close contact and, as in point 2, they will need to do a daily lateral flow test before coming to school to make sure that they are not positive. A negative test will make mean your child can come to school. Please report the results of this test to the NHS online and then send the confirmation that you get from them to [admin@mountcarmel.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:admin@mountcarmel.manchester.sch.uk) before coming to school.