



Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to clarify the new rules regarding isolation periods for people who test positive for COVID 19 and how these impacts on pupils in school.

The questions that are frequently being asked of us are:

### **What happens if my child tests positive?**

Please use the table below to understand the process.

DAY	Further information
0	Symptoms begin or test taken
1	Begin counting self-isolation days
2	isolate
3	Isolate
4	isolate
5	Isolate but begin home testing with lateral flow tests
6	Self-isolation can end immediately with two negative lateral flow tests
7	taken at least one day apart.
8	(Tests taken early in the morning eg 8.00am – this allows return to school
9	on the day of the second test)
10	Isolation ends- no test required

### **What happens if someone else in the house tests positive?**

Your child can and should still attend school but test daily. If they then test positive, they follow the table above.

#### **Attendance:**

Attendance for school last term was 93%. This was lower than in previous years and we need to continue to work together to increase this percentage as far as we possibly can.

Nearly 60 children had attendance below 90% which does mean that they are categorised as having persistent absence and this is a cause for concern. The children have missed so much onsite learning in the last two years that every day is more vital than ever so please do work with us to get your child into school every day at the correct time. The children only have one chance at primary school and we don't want them to be having to constantly catch up in later life.

Please also note, that our weekly attendance is monitored by Knowsley School Attendance Service and we have a legal responsibility to follow up poor attendance (below 90% or inconsistent) with this service. This may initially lead to a home visit and if no improvements are made this can be escalated to casework with the service.

It is vitally important that you contact the school office on any day that your child is absent. This is so helpful to us as it reduces the time key staff members are having to use to chase unexplained absences which could be time spent working directly with children.



## Attendance League Table (JANUARY)

Position	Class	Percentage attendance	<p><b>Amazing attendance Zebra Class!</b></p> <p>There is still time to catch up to Zebra Class with a great week of attendance next week!</p> <p>The class who has the best attendance at the end of January will win a class prize.</p> <p>The class who finishes as runners up will also receive a class prize!</p>
1st	Zebra	98.67%	
2nd	Pangolin	95.83%	
3rd	Jaguar	95.45%	
4th	Lion	95.14%	
5th	Shark	94.04%	
6th	Panda	92.70%	
7th	Hedgehog	91.46%	
8th	Cheetah	91.36%	
9th	Wolf	90.91%	
10th	Squirrel	90.28%	
11th	Owl	89.83%	
12th	Penguin	88.34%	
13th	Rabbit	83.98%	

## Special mentions for positively standing out in the last few weeks.....

CLASS	PUPIL	<p>To follow what is going on in your child's class, please join twitter and follow the class page. It is a great way to see all the learning and fun that goes on in classes.</p> <p>Class newsletters will begin again next Friday so look out for what is going on through them.</p> <p>Also follow @whistonwillis1 for updates and information.</p>
Squirrel	Emma B and Elsie L	
Rabbit	Holly J and Ethan P	
Owl	Thomas B and Evelyn C	
Hedgehog	Freddie S and Ivy W	
Jaguar	Simon K and Lottie C	
Pangolin	Jacob W and Jorgie L	
Panda	Miles Mc and Tom L	
Zebra	Amelia P and Oliver L	
Lion	Holly R and Cayden G	
Shark	Angel RJ and Charlie P	
Penguin	Caiden TC and Jack S	
Wolf	Fin E and Chloe H	
Cheetah	Mason H and Abbie S	

**Parent Governor:** Please note we have a vacancy for a parent governor role. If you would like more details on the role please contact the school office.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Ian Cooper