

## St Louise Primary School



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Parent/Carer Test and Protect Guidance
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Following advice from Scottish Government and South Lanarkshire Council. Here is the process to follow in the event of a pupil **developing any symptoms** of COVID-19 or **having a positive LFD** 

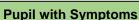
## **List of Symptoms**

- New or continuous cough
- High temperature/fever
- Loss or change of sense of taste/smell



As well as mitigation/protection measures and hygiene protocols that we follow as a school and have in place, we have knowledge of which 'bubbles' each child has spent most time with and we hold classroom seating plans to ensure we know who each child sits closest to each day.





Pupils who have any of the symptoms of Covid **should not** attend school. Inform school by phone (01355 230804) and book a PCR test as soon as possible (**0800 028 2816**) or online (<a href="https://www.nhsinform.scot/">https://www.nhsinform.scot/</a>). In all suspected cases they must **stay at home and self-isolate** until results of the test are known. If positive they should remain self-isolating and follow the guidance below.



## **Pupil with Positive Lateral Flow Test**

Pupils who test positive on a lateral flow test and have no symptoms must self-isolate and follow the current rules on self-isolation below. There is no longer a requirement for them to get a confirmation PCR unless they have Covid symptoms.

Current rules regarding self-isolation and testing from the Scottish Government (effective from 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022)

Positive cases are advised to self-isolate for 10 days. However, if the individual returns two consecutive negative LFD tests taken at least 24 hours apart with the first test no earlier than day 6 and the second no earlier than day 7 they may end isolation before the end of the 10 day period if they have no fever.

Close contacts who are fully vaccinated, having received 3 doses of the vaccination (plus 14 days) or are aged under 18 years and 4 months, can take daily LFD tests for 7 days instead of isolation - provided the tests are negative and they remain without symptoms. If someone has not received 3 doses of the vaccination, they will need to book a PCR test and even if this is a negative result, they will need to isolate for 10 days.

Where people test positive on a lateral flow device (LFD) test they are now not advised to get a PCR test to confirm infection (unless they have symptoms) but to follow isolation advice as it applies to them as a positive case – there is an exception for people who may be eligible for the Self-Isolation Support Grant who are advised to take a PCR test to ensure they can confirm their infection to be potentially eligible for financial support.