

Monday 24th January 2022

RE: New Wakefield COVID Guidance

Dear Families,

Alongside the announced changes to national restrictions, Wakefield Local Authority have also updated their guidance to schools in respect of household cases of Covid-19. In a letter from Anna Hartley, the Director of Public Health for Wakefield, and Vicky Schofield, the Acting Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services, they have clarified the following:

“Change to advice where there is a positive case in the household

*We are now advising, in line with national guidance, that where a pupil's parent or sibling has tested positive, the child **may attend school if they are well themselves**. We would **strongly advise** 7 days of daily lateral flow tests for any household contacts attending school. If a household contact develops symptoms then they must stay at home and take a PCR test.”*

This therefore replaces the previous position where children were asked to remain at home for 3-5 days following a close contact within the home.

This position is effective from today (Monday 24th January 2022) and therefore any children currently at home due to a household member being positive can now return to school.

Should you have any questions regarding your current circumstances, please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Skirrow

Principal