



23 March 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Update following notification of positive LFD result 22 March 2021

As you are aware, all positive results on an LFD test taken at home must be confirmed by a follow-up PCR test. I am writing to inform you that the follow up PCR result of the affected student we notified you of yesterday is negative. In accordance with PHE guidance, all year 11 students who had been identified as close contacts and had been asked to isolate can **return to school on Wednesday 24 March.**

As this situation may reoccur over the coming weeks/ months, I would like to highlight to you the steps that will be taken when we receive notification of a positive lateral flow test result taken at home:

- Close contacts will be identified in accordance with guidance from the DfE;
- Staff will be informed of the positive result;
- If students are already in school, parents of those students identified as close contacts will be contacted by email and text to inform them that their child needs to isolate and that they must leave the school premises as soon as possible. A form will be issued with the communications so that you can indicate whether your child can leave the premises by themselves or whether they will be collected. **Please note that we will be unable to let your child leave the school premises without written confirmation of the arrangements;**
- Students identified as close contacts will be handed an information letter and an isolation notice will be sent to the parents/ guardians by email. Initially, this will be for 10 days. **Isolation is for the close contact only, not the household;**
- All other parents/ guardians within the school community will be notified of the positive result;
- On receipt of the result of the PCR test result, we will contact the isolating students and confirm whether they can stop isolating and return to school or whether the 10 day isolation period must continue.

It is vitally important for the safety of the wider school community that as many students as possible participate in the twice-weekly testing at home and that the results are communicated to both the school and the NHS. Please visit our website [here](#) for further information and for links to the reporting. If your child has not been tested in school but would like to carry out the tests at home, please contact us at meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org so that we can discuss this with you in more detail.

Thank you for your continued co-operation with the testing programme at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading.

Yours sincerely

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