

14 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

You may have seen last Friday afternoon's government announcement that the self-isolation period is being reduced from 14 days to 10. The change comes into effect today.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-chief-medical-officers-statement-on-the-self-isolation-period-11-december-2020#:~:text=A%20change%20to%20the%20self,10%20days%20has%20been%20announced.&text=This%20change%20will%20apply%20in,breaks%20the%20chains%20of%20transmission.>

We have received confirmation from Portsmouth's Deputy Director for Education that this applies to those who are already self-isolating; in effect, the self-isolation period can be reduced by four days.

Kindly note that this affects the return to school date for pupils or staff who are already self-isolating as contacts of someone who has tested positive and are well are as follows:

Date started isolation	New return to school date
Monday 30 November – Thursday 3 December	Monday 14 December
Friday 4 December	Tuesday 15 December
Saturday 5 December (non-school contact)	Wednesday 16 December
Sunday 6 December (non-school contact)	Thursday 17 December
Monday 7 December	Friday 18 December (if the school is open)

If your child has been asked to self-isolate from Wednesday 9th December their period of self-isolation ends on Saturday 19th December.

Please contact the school's Welfare and Attendance team if you have a query relating to this change.

Yours sincerely



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