

# URGENT UPDATE - Following Government Announcement

Sent on behalf of Mr Andrew McGinnes, Headteacher

Dear Parents, Careers and Colleagues,

Apologies for interrupting your weekend, but we need to urgently update our community, following a government announcement. You may have heard already about the updated guidance around self-isolation, which comes into effect on Monday 14th. Please note that the new guidance applies to people already self-isolating from before that date.

**Self-isolation reduces from 14 days to 10 days, starting from the first whole day.** The updated guidance states that "self-isolation periods will begin on the day after exposure, a test or the start of symptoms."

For example, if your child was told at school on 3rd December that they need to self-isolate, or they first experienced symptoms on that day, they will have started their first full day of self-isolation on 4th December. Their last day at home would be 13th December, and so they should return to school on Monday 14th December. For example, 7 Chandos are now due in school on Monday!

The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-chief-medical-officers-statement-on-the-self-isolation-period-11-december-2020>

In short, we look forward to seeing a few extra faces - staff and students - on Monday!

Best wishes

Mr A McGinnes