

People Directorate

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Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware from media reports that the advice has changed in relation to close contacts of positive cases of Covid. In a letter from Public Health Scotland on Wednesday evening, Directors of Education were informed that where Omicron was identified the period of isolation was 10 days without exception. However, based on today's press conference, the First Minister has announced that from Saturday 11th December, any cases of Covid are required to isolate for 10 days without exception and the entire household is being advised to isolate, regardless of vaccine status or PCR test result.

I presume there will be further advice from Public Health Scotland but thought it was important to advise you of this significant change.

The situation is clearly changing rapidly and we will do our best to keep you informed of further changes. I will aim to clarify arrangements for secondary contacts, that is contacts of contacts, as information becomes clearer.

I recognise this is very unwelcome news and there is a weariness that we have been here before. Hopefully, as before we will also progress to better times.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Douglas Hutchison'.

Douglas Hutchison
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