



25th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid-19 Update

I am writing with an update to the school's approach in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. You will be aware that the government has now introduced their 'Living with Covid Plan'. Accompanying guidance was issued yesterday: 'COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>.

In line with the guidance published, we ask that:

- If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild, they should have a PCR test as soon as possible and stay at home, avoiding contact with others until the result is obtained. If the test result is positive see bullet point below.
- If your child has COVID-19 they should not attend school while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these test results are negative, they should return to school, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.
- Children who live with someone who has COVID-19 should continue to attend school as normal.

Please note that:

- Contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests and contact tracing has ended.
- Face coverings are no longer advised for visitors in classrooms or communal areas. However, if you are visiting school, you can, of course, continue to wear one if you so wish.

As I am sure, you will appreciate, we have all worked extremely hard to keep the school safe and all the measures we have put in place in relation to hygiene, cleaning and ventilation will continue. If there is a local outbreak, we will once again follow advice from Public Health and inform you as appropriate.

Please be reassured that keeping our children and community safe is still our key priority. Thank you for your continued support.

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