



Thursday 24th February 2022

Updated national COVID-19 guidance

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you and your family are enjoying a peaceful half-term break.

Following the removal of all legal COVID-19 restrictions today, I thought you may find it helpful, ahead of your child's return to school on Monday, for me to provide you with some additional clarity regarding our school's stance on the removal of the legal duty to self-isolate following a positive COVID-19 test result or following the development of COVID-19 symptoms. Whilst generally I am pleased to see the further easing of restrictions, I am mindful that the virus is still prevalent in our society and as such, in-line with Public Health guidance, I would urge you to continue to show caution in terms of sending your child to school, following a positive COVID-19 test result or following the development of COVID-19 symptoms.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 (PCR or LFT)

Please do not send your child to school. They should self-isolate up to and including the end of day 5 (with day zero being the day that the positive result was confirmed). Your child can then return to school from day 6, providing they have returned two negative LFTs on the morning of day 5 and day 6. If either of these return a positive result, your child should continue to self-isolate until they have returned two negative LFTs, taken 24 hours apart or until the end of day 10, whichever comes first.

If your child develops one of the main three symptoms of COVID-19

Please do not send your child to school if they develop one of the following three symptoms:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell

Please keep them at home until the symptom(s) have passed or until you are confident that they do not have COVID-19, as a result of a negative PCR or LFT.

I have offered my staff exactly the same guidance and it is my hope that through continuing to follow the above guidelines, we can continue to support each other in keeping safe and continue to allow our school to remain fully operational.

Yours sincerely,

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