

To All Parents/Carers

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week, the Government announced its reduced measures approach to the Covid-19 pandemic in its 'Living With Covid 19' publication which can be found in full using the link below:

<http://COVID-19%20Response:%20Living%20with%20COVID-19%20-%20GOV.UK%20>

Following this guidance, I thought it would be useful to set out what the new Covid-19 guidance means for children and adults in school. Until at least April, not much will change practically for us now.

Symptomatic testing

If children feel poorly and/or have any of the main symptoms of Covid-19 they should still take a test. If this test is positive, they are still advised to self-isolate (see below).

Self-Isolation

From today, the government has removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. However, the government still advise that children and adults should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. This is what children and adults at our school currently do and should continue to do.

Close Contacts

From today, there is no requirement for children or adults to test daily for seven days if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive.

Ventilation/Additional Cleaning

Schools are advised to continue with existing measures regarding keeping areas well-ventilated and clean, therefore we will continue to do so.

Home Learning

Children are advised to self-isolate for at least 5 days if they test positive for Covid-19. Therefore, we will still set work, via Teams, for them to complete.

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This period between now and April 1st appears to be stage one of the government's plan with further changes (including availability of tests) planned from April onwards. We will continue to review and adapt our procedures in light of this, and other local and national guidance and will, of course, keep you informed as and when changes are made.

At present, we are experiencing very low numbers of Covid-19 cases within our community which means that most students are in school and are being taught by their teachers. This is really important and a position we have all worked hard to achieve, and we are grateful to you for your ongoing support through this period.

Yours faithfully



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