



Our Ref: SMA/DK

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your family are well. Apologies for the communication during the holiday but I just wanted to update you on the changes to Covid 19 regulations for testing and self-isolating that were announced earlier this week.

Twice weekly testing at home

From Monday 21 February, the Government removed the guidance for staff and students in most education and childcare settings to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing. This guidance applies to all staff and students in the school with the exception of those who are part of the school's Resourced Provision.

In the event of a future outbreak of Covid 19, either in the school or the local community, we may be advised to resume asymptomatic testing. Should this situation arise, I will advise you as soon as I can.

Covid 19 Symptoms

If your child(ren) displays symptoms of Covid 19, you should arrange a PCR test for them and keep them away from school until the result is confirmed. If the result is negative, then your child(ren) can return to school straightaway. If the result is positive, please follow the guidance for self-isolation as outlined below. In any case, please keep the school informed regarding the reason for your child(ren)'s absence from school.

Changes to self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts

From today, the Government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. **Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to 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.** In addition, the Government will:

- No longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and remove the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.
- End routine contact tracing. Contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests. Children and young people should attend their education settings as usual.

More detail can be found in the [Living with COVID-19](#) plan published by the Government earlier this week.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I will be in touch with any further updates as we receive them. Should you have any queries regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact the school. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the rest of the half-term break. We look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back to school next Monday 28th February at 8.35am

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher