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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a lovely half-term. It's great to be back and looking ahead to the longer (lighter) days as spring takes hold. There have been some changes to the legal requirements with regard to COVID-19 during the break. Please note the following therefore:

On 24th February 2022 the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive COVID-19 test was removed. School guidance from the Department for Education and Public Health however, still requires us to follow isolation guidance. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, therefore, they will still be required not to attend school for at least 5 days and to be testing on days 5 and 6 to check they are negative prior to their return. If they continue to test positive, they should remain off school until day 11 or until they receive two consecutive negative results.

The guidance when testing positive remains the same and can be found here:
[COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts)

Lateral flow tests (LFT) for use at home can still be ordered online, free of charge, until 1st April 2022 when asymptomatic testing is due to cease. The government has also asked our staff team to cease twice weekly testing.
[Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

If you, as a parent, test positive for COVID-19 your child may still attend school as all contact tracing has now ceased. If a child displays one of the three main symptoms (below), they should still get a PCR test and remain off school until they have a negative result. If in doubt, please do contact us for guidance.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

We are expecting further guidance ahead of further government changes on 1st April 2022 and will share these with you once available to us.

Yours Faithfully

David Aldworth
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