

9th February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to thank you for supporting your child to participate in daily testing, this process has helped to identify non-symptomatic cases and pre-symptomatic cases across the school community over the last 2 weeks, which resulted in less infection spreading across school. I am pleased to inform you that we have had no confirmed cases of COVID 19 for 6 consecutive days now in school. We are therefore planning to cease the COVID 19 outbreak plan at the end of this school week.

From Monday 14th February 2022, the following will apply

Testing for students and staff

Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transition in school. Students and staff should return to testing twice a week and log their Lateral Flow Device result with the NHS website and with school [Here](#). Lateral flow devices are available at your local pharmacy. Please contact school if you are unable to access a supply of tests and we will be able to provide.

If your child shows any symptoms of Covid-19, they should remain at home, book a PCR test and self-isolate following the government guidance.

The list symptoms that have been reported to school by parents and staff includes:

- High temperature
- New continuous cough
- Loss or change to sense of taste or smell
- Headache
- Shortness of breath
- Muscle and body aches
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Diarrhoea
- Vomiting

Updated guidance on the use of face coverings

Face coverings will not be required to be worn in school. If a student or staff member wishes to wear one then they can make this personal choice.

Transport

Face coverings are required to be worn on transport.



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Changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Students and staff who test positive are required to isolate for 5 days, to return to school they must have a negative LFT for 2 consecutive days on days 5 and 6 to end isolation, tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If the test to release result are still positive they must isolate for the full 10 days.

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

Students and staff who are fully vaccinated, or who are under 18 years and 6 months, who are identified as close contacts, e.g. living in the same household, should take an LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result themselves or develop symptoms. If they are unable to take the LFD test, then they should self-isolate as above.

Vaccines

Vaccines have been offered in school to 12 to 15-year olds to support the governments vaccination programme and to help minimise the effects of COVID

The NHS COVID Pass for international travel can be accessed through the NHS website for those aged 12 years and over. For young people aged 13 and over, the NHS App can also be used to access the NHS COVID pass.

Further information on [how to get an NHS COVID Pass](#) is available on the NHS website.

Water bottles and ventilation

Please can all students bring their own, refillable, non-metallic water bottle into school?

In order to ensure that there continues to be adequate ventilation in classrooms, windows and doors may be opened. As the weather continues to be cooler, parents/carers should ensure that students have adequate clothing in case the temperature in the classroom is colder than usual. We should suggest a jumper or cardigan, and warm trousers/skirt.

Parent Drop-Off

A reminder that parents should wait at the top for the car/bus in front to leave before coming down the drive to the roundabout. Please be mindful of other parents and students, and be patient as we get students into school as quickly and safely as possible. Some students walk down to school, either on their own, or accompanied, and we would ask that parents drive down slowly and carefully.

Risk Assessment

School has updated the full school Covid-19 Risk Assessment and the updated version will be available on the school website on Monday 14th February. Parents should be aware that there may be further updates and information.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our school community safe.

Yours sincerely,

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Please see the NHS.UK website for more information on testing:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>.

If you are concerned about your child's health, please refer to the NHS 111 website or telephone NHS 111 or your GP.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>.

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>



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