



**Wath Academy**

23 February 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

**Re: Recent Covid-19 Updates**

On Monday, the Prime Minister made a series of announcements regarding Covid-19 restrictions. Below are the changes which currently affect education.

**Changes to Testing**

- From Monday 21 February the Government is removing the guidance for staff and students in most education and childcare settings to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing.

**Changes to self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts**

- From Thursday 24 February, the Government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. However, until 01 April, the Government advises adults and children who test positive 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.

We are expecting to receive further guidance from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) on Thursday 24 February. This will also include a link to the 'Schools COVID-19 Operational Guidance' on the same day. Following the release of the UKHSA and Covid-19 Operational guidance we will send out a further communication before the end of the week.

Yours sincerely

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