



Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Recent Covid-19 UK Health Security Agency update

Yesterday, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) released further guidance regarding Covid-19. The Government guidance for schools has also been updated to reflect these changes.

Below is a summary of the new guidance:

Asymptomatic testing

- From 21 February, staff and pupils in mainstream secondary schools will not be expected to continue taking part in regular asymptomatic testing.

Self-isolation

- From 24 February, the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. However, 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.

Know the symptoms of Covid-19

- The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:
 - a new continuous cough.
 - a high temperature.
 - a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).
- If you have any of these symptoms you [should order a PCR test](#). You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result.

Children with Covid-19

- Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these test results are negative, they should return to their educational setting, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

Living with someone who has Covid-19 and close contacts

- Children and young people who are asymptomatic but, live with someone who has COVID-19 should continue to attend their educational setting as normal.

The Academy will continue to focus its Covid-19 risk assessment on the Governments four control areas:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.

- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Continue to follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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