



School Newsletter

Spring 2



'Living with Covid' - revised guidance for schools

Following the Government's 'Living with COVID-19' announcement last week, you will be aware that Covid-19 measures within schools and more widely have been relaxed, with this new guidance coming into force last Thursday, 24th February.

Asymptomatic Weekly Testing

Staff and pupils will not be expected to continue taking part in regular asymptomatic testing and should instead follow asymptomatic testing advice for the general population.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are no longer required in the school setting. However, the school community will of course remain sensitive to and respectful of pupils, visitors or colleagues who wish to continue wearing them.

Symptomatic cases and Self-isolation guidance

Pupils and staff should follow guidance on [People with COVID-19 and their contacts](#) if they have COVID-19 symptoms. A test should be arranged (PCR or lateral flow), and if positive, individuals should stay at home and isolate. People who are self-isolating have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6, and they do not have a temperature.

Mitigation measures

We will continue to review and update our COVID-19 risk assessment and monitor the situation at school, ensuring our controls are effective. Should cases increase, we will liaise closely with the local health team and reintroduce protective measures if advised to do so.

We will continue to promote good hand and respiratory hygiene, operate our COVID-19 enhanced cleaning regime and keep indoor areas as well ventilated as possible.

And finally....

We very much hope that we can look forward to a period of uninterrupted schooling as we move into this new phase of the pandemic. However, we will also approach the situation with cautious optimism and guard against complacency, keeping all measures under constant review. We, therefore, ask for your continued support in following the guidance to ensure we continue to be able to keep our pupils, colleagues and wider school community as safe as possible.

With Best Wishes
Mrs Rodwell