

1st March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid-19 Update

Following the government announcement of the 'Living with Covid' plan on 21st February 2022, we have updated our Covid measures accordingly in line with Local Authority guidance. Our risk assessment, which is regularly reviewed, has the following changes we would like to make you aware of.

- In order to minimise the risk of infection and transmission, anyone with symptoms of Covid-19 (the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19 are: a high temperature; new continuous cough; loss or change to sense of smell or taste) is still advised to stay at home and take a PCR test. LFT should no longer be used to identify cases of Covid-19.
- Anyone who tests positive for Covid is still advised to stay at home for 5 full days and then have two, consecutive, negative LFTs before returning to work or school.
- If your child tests positive for Covid, please report this to the school office.
- Staff and pupils will be expected to clean their hands regularly; we will continue to provide hand sanitiser to use around the school.
- Staff and students will be expected to maintain good respiratory hygiene following the catch it, bin it and kill it approach.
- We will continue to ensure that spaces are well-ventilated.
- We will ensure that thorough cleaning programmes are continued to ensure frequently touched points are cleaned regularly.
- We will continue to monitor infection rates in school, and if there are any outbreaks or clusters of infection we will update you.
- The wearing of masks on school premises is no longer required although you are welcome to do so if you wish.
- We are looking forward to being able to invite parents back into school as long as cases remain low.
- We will continue to review our risk assessments on a regular basis in the light of guidance received or changes in infection rates within our local and school community.

Many thanks to all members of our school for supporting our risk assessment measures and helping to keep everyone safe within school.

Mrs Mason