

Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid-19 Update

Following Public health advice on April 1st 2022 we have updated our Covid measures to reflect covid now being combined with advice about other respiratory illnesses such as cold and flu. Our risk assessment, which is regularly reviewed, has the following changes we would like to make you aware of.

- Adults with the **symptoms** of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, **should try to stay at home** and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can come back to school when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.
- Adults with a **positive COVID-19 test** result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **5 days**, which is when they are most infectious. For **children and young people** aged 18 and under, the advice will be **3 days**.
- Negative tests are not required to return to school.
- It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed by a health professional, however if a test has been taken with a positive result pupils should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days.
- Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting. As a school, we will no longer be able to order test kits.
- 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 in Summer term 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, Headteacher