

Headteacher: Mr S Uddin

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Changes to Covid-19 guidance

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to advise you of the changes to Government Covid-19 guidance which came into place from Thursday 24 February 2022. Whilst we are now learning to live with COVID-19, it is important to remember that the global pandemic is not yet over. However, the Government have stated that vaccines have enabled the gradual and safe removal of restrictions on everyday life over the past year and will remain at the heart of their approach to living with the virus in the future.

Testing:

Regular asymptomatic testing is not required anymore.

The Legal Duty to Self-Isolate:

Children who test positive will continue to be advised 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 or until the 10th day.

Contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests.

Free testing will end from 1st April 2022 for the general public, including those with symptoms. We will not be able to provide any tests from school.

Masks

The requirement to wear a facemask is no longer in place but staff will continue to wear them should they wish to do so. We will continue to ask visitors coming to school to wear masks, especially as many of our meeting rooms are very small and not well ventilated.

Attendance:

I would like to remind you that school attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age, and it is a priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school. Therefore, your child should be attending school unless they are not well enough to attend or they test positive for Covid 19 – see guidance above. Please inform school as soon as possible.

Thank you once again for all the support that you continue to provide in supporting your child's education, which remains paramount at this time.

With best wishes,

Mr Uddin

