



4<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### Updated COVID Guidelines

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware the government have now set out the next steps for living with COVID. The guidelines changed from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April and the following are applicable for schools:

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. This will be treated as any other illness and will need to be reported in the normal way by contacting the student absence line.
- Children and young people aged 18 and under with a positive COVID test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days, which is when they are most infectious. Should a positive test be reported we will ask you for the earliest return date which will be from 3 days and ask that students do not come into school during this period.

We will continue to provide work for students via TEAMS if they are off with a positive COVID result (with day 0 being the day of the positive test). However, if your child does not have a positive result, their absence will be treated as a normal period of absence and work will not be provided.

Free COVID tests are no longer be available unless you fall into a specific group, therefore we ask that you remain vigilant if your child displays a high temperature and feels unwell, ensuring you follow the guidance above.

As ever, thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We will provide further information should the guidance change.

Yours sincerely,

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