

'Better Together'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID update

Over the past week the school has seen an increase in positive COVID cases being reported. Whilst the number is low at the moment, we know how transmissible the latest variants can be, so I would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the measures we are taking to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Regular testing

For those who have been using lateral flow tests, we would ask that you continue to test at least twice per week or if any COVID symptoms are suspected. We have test kits available for students who need more. If you haven't yet taken up the offer of free testing kits and would like some, then please contact school.

Self-isolation rules

Although the law has changed, the guidance remains that anyone testing positive for COVID or having symptoms should avoid contact with others wherever possible. Therefore, we are asking for anyone in this situation to follow the same self-isolation guidance as before i.e. to isolate for at least 5 days, returning to school after 2 consecutive negative lateral flow tests (days 5 & 6) or after 10 days if not testing. In this situation we will be able to provide home learning if the student is well enough to receive this.

Home tuition

For those students receiving tuition in the home, we require families to inform us if COVID is confirmed or suspected in the household. In this situation we will be able to provide remote learning if the student is well enough to receive this until the isolation period has elapsed and there are no further COVID cases in the household.











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We remain vigilant and continue to ensure our safety measures reduce any risks as much as possible. We encourage regular hand-washing and sanitiser is provided throughout the school. Although face coverings are not required, staff and students are free to wear them if they wish. All rooms are well ventilated, and the nature of the school means that there is plenty of room to ensure good physical distancing.

Thank you for your ongoing support at this time. I know that the changing guidance may be confusing at times so please contact us if you need any advice or clarification.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Deadman Headteacher

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