

Wednesday 23 February 2022

Dear parents

RE: Update regarding the government's response to COVID-19

As you may know, from Thursday 24 February, the Government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and 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 after 10 days.

Therefore if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, we are advising that **they should stay at home** for at least 5 full days. They can come back to school if they test negative on a rapid lateral flow test for two consecutive days or after the full 10 days.

The government will no longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and remove the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate. Therefore if your child is identified as a close contact they do not have to test daily for 7 days.

The government will be providing more guidance to schools tomorrow and I will update parents with any further information if necessary.

With my very best wishes

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