



COVID-19 update

Fri 1st April 2022

Today sees the end to all COVID restrictions in the UK and the abolition of free testing for the general public. This does of course have implications for us in school so this document seeks to answer some of the likely questions you may have. Please bear with us though, we are learning them too – they were issued at 10.30pm yesterday!

What do I do if I think my child has COVID?

If you think your child is unwell and has a high temperature, they should stay at home, avoid contact with others and can come back to school when they no longer have a high temperature and are well again.

What if my child has a positive COVID-19 test?

They should stay at home for 3 days when they are at their most infectious. They no longer require a negative test to return to school.

What if I (or an adult at home) have high temperature and have symptoms of a respiratory infection?

You should remain at home, avoid contact with others until you feel well enough to resume normal activities and no longer have a high temperature.

What if an adult has a positive COVID-19 test?

Stay at home & avoid contact with others for 5 days. You no longer have to wait for a negative test.

If my child is off, will work be set on Google Classroom?

No. If your child is off, it will be because they are unwell and we wouldn't set work if they were ordinarily off ill so this will be no different anymore. Only if they are off for a protracted period of time because they are suffering from long COVID symptoms would we consider setting work in line with the 'supporting children with medical conditions' document issued by the DfE in 2014.

Can I get LFT test kits?

If you are at risk of serious illness from COVID-19 and eligible for treatments, yes, test kits will be free. If you are NHS or adult social care staff or work in other high-risk settings, yes, test kits will be free. For everyone else, tests kits will be available but you will need to pay for them. Prices are yet to be announced formally.

What if we're isolating now?

All timescales and rules you may have been isolating under yesterday have now moved to the ones above. Therefore, if your child was isolating yesterday, but well, they no longer need to isolate unless they are within the first 3 days of isolation.

Throughout the pandemic, we have taken a cautious but measured approach to all that we have done in school, following government guidance where it has been issued. We have to do the same now but we urge our school community to please act cautiously. Children have missed so much school and some of our children and staff are classed as vulnerable so we want to put them at as little risk as possible. Please make decisions with this in mind.