

5th April 2022

Dear Families,

Last week the Government set out the next steps for living with COVID which came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

Updated guidance advises:

- From 1<sup>st</sup> April, most people can no longer access free testing and it is no longer recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.
- Adults and children with symptoms of a respiratory infection (including COVID), and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try and stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- Under certain circumstances your child may be asked to test e.g. a hospital admission. If they test positive for COVID-19 they should stay at home and avoid contact with people for 3 DAYS (children aged under 18 years). For adults, they should stay at home and avoid contact with people for 5 DAYS.

I understand how scary this pandemic has been and whilst measures are being lifted, and we are all now having to learn to live with COVID, I appreciate this new phase may be worrying for many of us.

We will continue with our other control measures; ensuring good hygiene, cleaning regimes and ventilation.

**Due to the vulnerability of our students please can I remind families the importance of keeping your child at home if they are unwell with a respiratory infection as this will help reduce transmission.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest Regards



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