

4<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you regarding the information issued by the government in relation to changes to COVID guidance that came into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

As you will know, from 1<sup>st</sup> April free universal testing for COVID-19 is no longer available for most people.

The information below explains the new guidance if your child is unwell or has a positive test result for COVID-19.

- Students with mild symptoms (e.g. a runny nose) who are otherwise well are now advised to continue to attend their education setting.
- Students who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- Any student with a positive COVID-19 test result (for example through private testing) should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. They can return to school after 3 days if they feel well and do not have a high temperature.

For your further information, under the new guidance, teaching and support staff with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home for 5 days after they took the test. No reason has been given for the different advice in terms of the number of days for staff and students.

I hope this clarifies the current situation. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Steve Wilson  
Headteacher