

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in schools**

From today, COVID testing will no longer be available to the general public (it will continue for some specific groups e.g. NHS staff). Updated government guidance advises people with symptoms of a respiratory infection (including COVID-19) and a high temperature or who feel unwell, to try to 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.

Symptoms of a respiratory infection include:

- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Running nose
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Muscle ache
- Breathlessness
- A high temperature

Where testing has taken place (e.g. for travel requirements), a positive COVID-19 test result means that adults should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

**What parents need to do:**

Pupils who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They should come back to school when they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend.

**What school will do:**

If a child is unwell in school and has a high temperature, we will ask you to come and collect them from school. They should stay at home until they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to return to school.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding your child's absence.

With best wishes,



Mr Vitarana  
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