

1st March 2022

COVID-19: removal of remaining restrictions

Dear parent / carer,

Following my dojo message that I sent to you over the weekend, please find below the confirmed changes and two phase plan for the removal of remaining restrictions in school. As part of their 'living with COVID' strategy - effective from Thursday 24th February - the government made quite a few changes to their approach to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes removing the legal requirements for self-isolation, changes to accompanying guidance and the end of free symptomatic and asymptomatic testing for the general public from 1st April.

As with previous changes, we have considered how this impacts us and we want to be clear with you about what our next steps are. There are two key dates for our changes:

- 1st March
- 1st April

From today (1st March) until 31st March, we will continue to insist that those students who test positive for COVID-19 do not come into school. Students must continue to stay away from school for 5 full days and only return after 2 consecutive negative tests/after 10 full days of isolation (if they continue to test positive between days 5 and 10).

If anyone develops COVID-19 symptoms in school, we will also insist that they leave school and stay away pending the outcome of a test.

The government has confirmed that twice weekly testing and 7 day testing following contact with a positive case is no longer required. As of 1st March, we will be ending our own form of contact tracing that we introduced where parents were informed of their child being a close contact.

We will be maintaining current cleaning schedules through to 1st April at the earliest. Hand washing and hand sanitising facilities will remain available across the school site.

From 1st April, we will see an end to free symptomatic and asymptomatic testing for the general public - students will no longer be required to self-isolate from this date.

Our advice stands that - as with any illness - if a student is not well enough or fit to attend school then they should not come in - procedures for student absence should be followed as normal.

If you have any questions, as always please do not hesitate to ask / get in touch.

Many thanks,



Mr Holmes

Headteacher