



Dear Parent/Carer

Further to the Department for Education's latest guidance, Covid regulations for Special Needs Schools are changing.

The government has stated that "the population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections, thanks to the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk".

As a result of this, schools will no longer be provided with test kits. This means that when we return to school after the Easter break we will no longer be testing students or staff in school.

The guidance is now as follows;

- children and young people 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
- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should 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
- adults with a positive COVID-19 PCR test result 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

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely

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