

4th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,



Welcome Back

We look forward to welcoming all our Pathfinder Pupils back to school tomorrow. Our ambition, in line with the government, is for all pupils to have the least disruption possible despite the rising number of cases caused by the Omicron COVID variant.

How our schools are helping

- All school staff are being encouraged to test regularly to ensure that any asymptomatic cases are quickly picked up on and that any symptoms are checked up on.
- We are aware that even though government guidance on symptoms has not changed the reality is that people are presenting with cold and flu like symptoms who are subsequently testing positive, our school staff are testing to check such symptoms.
- Secondary pupils will be testing at school during the next few days to ensure any cases are picked up on thereby reducing the chance of spreading further.

How you can help

We would kindly ask that you support us to keep our schools running as smoothly as possible by following the government guidance:

- All adults and children should stay at home and self-isolate immediately if they develop symptoms of COVID-19, remembering those symptoms are now more varied. You should do this even if you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine. Book a PCR test and isolate until you have received the results.
- If you have a positive test result but do not have symptoms stay at home and self-isolate as soon as you receive the results.
- If you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 you are at significantly higher risk of becoming infected yourself. **If you are aged 5 years and over and live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, and are not legally required to self-isolate, you are strongly advised to:**
 - ✓ **take an LFD test every day for 7 days, or until 10 days after the household member who has COVID-19 started their self-isolation period if this is earlier**
 - ✓ **take this daily LFD test before you leave your home for the first time each day**
 - ✓ If you take an LFD test and the result is positive, you should immediately self-isolate to prevent you from passing the infection on to other people and arrange to take a PCR test

Full guidance can be found here:

[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

By supporting your family to follow this guidance you will be playing your part to minimise disruption to education for all our pupils.

Watch this space

We will be sending detailed information out later in the week explaining the latest government guidance on the length of time needed to isolate following a positive PCR result.



Ann Davey
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