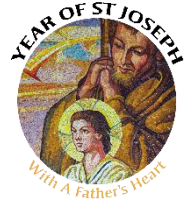




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COVID update February 2022

Dear parent/carers

I'm sure that you are all aware that there have been changes to the Covid rules. From 21st February, as we learn to 'live with Covid', staff and students in mainstream education and childcare settings will no longer be asked to test asymptotically on a twice weekly basis. Staff and students should now test in line with public health advice for wider society.

Self-isolation

- There is no longer a **legal requirement** for people with COVID-19 to self-isolate from the 24th February, **however if staff or pupils have any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people remains.**
- Children and young people are also advised to take an LFD test 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day.
- If both tests are negative they should return to their childcare or educational setting, if they normally attend one, and feel well enough to do so.
- If they have a positive LFD test, they should take another test the following day and should return to their setting after two negative LFD tests on two consecutive days.
- The maximum advised period they are advised to stay at home for is 10 days.
- Anyone with any of the main symptoms should order a PCR test and is advised to stay at home while waiting for the result.

Should your child present with any of the main Covid symptoms while they are at school, we will contact you and request that they are taken for a PCR.

Contact Tracing

- Daily Testing of Close Contacts and contact tracing by NHS Test and Trace will also end on the 24th February. The responsibility for tracing shifts to the individual and settings continue to play no role in tracing.
- All education and childcare settings should continue to ensure good hygiene for everyone, maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, keep occupied spaces well ventilated, and follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- We may be required to step up the measures that we have in place should we have any further outbreaks within the school.

If you have any questions or would like clarification about any of the changes, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Kind regards

Clare Howells

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