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Dear Parents and Carers,
Updated COVID Guidance

As you will be aware, from 1st April, the government's advice regarding COVID-19 has been updated. You can find out more here:

[Government sets out next steps for living with COVID - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-sets-out-next-steps-for-living-with-covid-19)

Below is a summary of the updated advice:

- Symptomatic and asymptomatic testing (PCR and LFT) will cease for the majority of the population, with the exception of a number of settings identified (health and social care).
- People with respiratory symptoms (including COVID-19 symptoms) should stay at home, avoid contact with others and return to normal activities when well enough and don't have a temperature. For schools and early years settings this means that children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- For adults testing positive for COVID-19 (some people will still have LFT kits available), they should stay at home for 5 days (remembering day 0 is day of onset of symptoms/day of test if no symptoms) and avoid contact with others. They should then return to normal activities only if well enough and don't have a temperature.
- For children testing positive for COVID-19 (under 18 years old), they should stay at home for 3 days and avoid contact with others. They should then return to school and normal activities only if well enough and don't have a temperature.

The mainstay of COVID-19 advice for the general public will remain as:

- wear a mask/face covering in enclosed spaces
- keep indoor spaces ventilated
- stay away from others if you have any symptoms of a respiratory illness, including COVID
- vaccination remains the best way to protect us all from severe disease and hospitalisation due to COVID infection

As with any infectious illness, we urge parents, carers and families to be cautious when children are unwell to help limit the spread within our school community. If you are unsure about what to do, please contact the school office before sending your child into school.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher