



28th February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

We are looking forward to welcoming our pupils back after what we hope was a happy, healthy break.

As you will have read in the news headlines during half-term, the government has made changes to the legal requirements to self-isolate following a positive Covid-19 test. However, I wanted to write to give parents clarity about what this means for you.

It is important to note that although legal requirements for self-isolation have changed, the guidance for what this means in schools **has not**. Another notable aspect is that guidance for students in secondary schools to undertake twice-weekly lateral flow testing has been removed.

In line with these changes, here are the key points for parents to know as we enter the new half term:

- We will no longer expect staff or students to carry out tests if they have **no symptoms** of Covid-19.
- However, while access to lateral flow tests remains free (up to 1 April), we will expect pupils who **are experiencing symptoms** to take a test.
- If that test is positive, they should act in line with the guidance. This guidance is the same as the previous legal requirement:
 - ❖ *any individual testing positive is advised to remain at home and avoid contact with other people. After five days, they may choose to take a lateral flow test, followed by another the next day. If both are negative and they do not have a temperature, they can safely return to school.*
- If your child does test positive for COVID, please contact the school office who will advise you about your next steps. For pupils who are self-isolating but are well enough, we will provide a range of schoolwork they can complete.
- Once you have contacted the office to inform us about a positive result, we will email links to lessons for each subject area for pupils to access (these links are also available in Teams). These have been chosen by teachers because they will support pupils' learning and enhance our curriculum. Please note that pupils are not expected to complete all of the lessons and for some subjects there may be a range that they

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can choose from to suit themselves. We suggest pupils start with English, Maths and Science and see what they feel up to.

- Please contact the school office if you feel that you need more help with this.

We have a busy and exciting term coming up! We have parents' evenings over the next two weeks (don't forget to book your five appointments – the link for booking is on the school website), Year 8 are visiting the Imperial War Museum, we have a live musical performance in school for Years 5 and 6 this week, Year 5 and 6 also have residential trips this term and... most exciting of all... we will be preparing for our production of Bugsy Malone! This is all alongside the SATs for Year 6 and our continued focus on high quality teaching and learning. We will be helping our pupils stay safe and well by providing important safeguarding events and promoting wellbeing.

We would very much appreciate your continued support in keeping our community healthy and allowing our pupils to take full advantage of all this by adhering to these guidelines. As always, if you have any questions or issues to discuss, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs K Reade
Head of School

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