



**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a restful holiday with friends and family. We are looking forward to an exciting Summer Term with the worst of the pandemic behind us, hopefully!

We have read through the new government documents sent to schools following the 'living with Covid' announcement in April and have outlined the key points below:

- Respiratory infections are common in children and young people, particularly during the winter months. Symptoms can be caused by several respiratory infections including the common cold and COVID-19, so it is not possible to tell if you have COVID-19, flu or another infection, based on symptoms alone.
- The risk of becoming seriously unwell from COVID-19 and other respiratory infections is very low for most children.
- Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can.
- Children can go back to school, college or childcare and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- It is particularly important to avoid close contact with anyone who you know is at higher risk of becoming seriously unwell if they are infected with COVID-19.
- It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional. However, if a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can.

For further information, please refer to the following links:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms in children - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Although there is no longer a requirement for schools to now implement a Covid Risk Assessment, we will be continuing with the following measures:

- Regular handwashing or use of antibacterial gel
- Ventilating rooms

In the event of a school or local outbreak, it may be necessary to reintroduce some of the previous Covid-19 measures. If this is the case, parents will be informed as soon as possible.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer term.

With my kindest regards,

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**Headteacher**