

Monday 28th February

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: 'Living with Covid' within a school setting

On Monday, 21 February, the Prime Minister set out the next phase of the government's COVID-19 response 'Living with COVID-19'. For education settings, the main changes that are now in effect include:

- **Changes to self-isolation**
Self-isolation is no longer a legal requirement for people infected with coronavirus. Your child should stay at home for a minimum of 5 days and avoid contact with other people if they have any of the main symptoms or have had a positive test result.
- **Changes to asymptomatic testing.**
Twice-weekly testing within secondary schools is no longer advised.

We will continue to follow steps to help prevent the transmission of the virus with frequent hand washing and well-ventilated classrooms. In addition, our academy has an enhanced cleaning schedule in place. As we learn to live with covid, our risk assessments and control measures will be kept under review, and children with individual health plans will continue to be monitored. We hope these measures reassure you we are doing everything we can to help curb the spread of the virus and reduce any further disruption to your child's education.

Our school remains open, and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

We must remain vigilant. Please see the guidance on page 2. For all the latest advice and guidance, please visit www.gov.uk/coronaovirus. Please also read Alison Jeffery, Director of Children's Services at East Sussex County Council letter for further information. <https://bit.ly/36vofyW>.

Should you have any concerns or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Carly Welch
Principal

GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES AND ADVICE

MAIN SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19



CONTINUOUS COUGH



LOSS OR CHANGE TO SENSE OF SMELL / TASTE



HIGH TEMPERATURE



IS YOUR CHILD SHOWING SYMPTOMS?

- 1 Please get your child tested.
- 2 Your child should stay at home until you are provided with a result.



HAS YOUR CHILD RECEIVED A POSITIVE TEST RESULT?

- 1 Your child should stay home for 5 days.
- 2 Your child should return to school if they have had 2 negative LFT test.



HAS YOUR CHILD HAD A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT?

- 1 Your child should attend school as normal.



HAS YOUR CHILD BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT OR LIVE WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS COVID-19?

- 1 Your child should continue to attend school as normal as long as they're not symptomatic or have tested positive.



WHAT ARE THE CURRENT RULES AROUND ISOLATION?

Self-isolation is no longer a legal requirement for people infected with coronavirus, your child should stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have any of the main symptoms or have had a positive test result.

- Anyone who tests positive will be able to leave self-isolation 5 days after the date of their initial positive test if they receive 2 negative test results, 24 hours apart, on days 5 and 6.
- If your child still has a high temperature after 10 days or is still unwell, stay at home and seek medical advice.