

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, as of today, there is further updated guidance to clarify what actions staff and pupils should take if feeling unwell or after testing positive for COVID-19. This guidance can be found in greater detail at: **Living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19-GOV.UK** (www.gov.uk)

The latest advice is that:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- **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.**
- adults with a positive COVID -19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. **For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is 3 days.**

Anyone who is already isolating can transfer to these new guidance timings from today, which also means that there is no longer a requirement to test on day 5/6 to return to school.

This new guidance obviously signals a significant change from the guidance we are following at the moment and we are conscious that this could result in another 'wave', when we feel like we have just weathered our most serious wave so far. As always, we know we can trust you to use your common sense when decisions have to be made. The most important advice to remember is that children should not be at school if they have a temperature or if they are clearly unwell. Please do continue to contact us in school if you would like to discuss with us decisions about whether your child should attend school or not.

Hopefully the warmer weather will also play a part in keeping numbers a little lower - that's when it eventually arrives!

Have a good weekend everyone,
With love from
Jacky