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Dear Parent / Carer,

Following the recent government announcement to remove the remaining legal restrictions for COVID-19 as we learn to live with the virus, please find some further information about what these changes means for your child in school.

Please be assured that school continues to implement good infection, prevention, and control measures to provide protection against infection and associated education disruption.

Twice weekly testing

Due to a greater understanding of the virus the public health advice is that children in most education and childcare settings are no longer required to undertake twice-weekly LFD asymptomatic testing.

Regular testing is still advised for specialist special educational needs and disability (SEND) settings, alternative provision, and SEND units in mainstream schools or the equivalent in colleges

Symptomatic children

While the legal requirement to self-isolate has been removed if your child has any of the main COVID symptoms or a positive test result they **should not** attend school. The public health advice remains unchanged which is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

Anyone with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms should order a PCR test and is advised to stay at home while waiting for the result. Children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.

Close contacts

Contacts of positive COVID-19 cases are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests and contact tracing has ended. If your child is a close contact of a confirmed COVID case, they should attend school as usual.

For more detailed information please see [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges)

Many thanks for your continued support and adherence to the public health advice which helps to reduce the disruption to all our children and young people's education.