



31st March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are likely aware from the national press, from 1st April the Government are ending access to free Covid testing (both PCR and rapid flow testing) alongside changes to the guidance on self-isolation. I am writing to explain what these changes mean to our school community.

From tomorrow regular precautionary testing is no longer recommended, and adults and children are only advised to test for Covid if they display one of the main symptoms:

- High temperature
- New, continuous cough
- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If your child displays any of these symptoms, please keep them at home and complete a Lateral Flow Test / Rapid Test for Covid-19. Test kits will be available from your local pharmacy for £2. We are no longer receiving test kit deliveries and, in line with government guidance, are no longer able to distribute test kits to students.

- **If your child tests negative**, they can return immediately to school if they feel well enough.
- **If your child tests positive**, they must **isolate for 5 full days** from the day they tested positive OR the first day of symptoms, whichever came first. If your child feels well enough, they can return to school after day 5 – there is no need for a further test.

If you have any questions, please direct these to your child's tutor in the first instance. Thank you for helping us in making the school and community a safer place for all.

Kind regards,

Rich Fegan
Vice Principal