

ST MARK'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have received guidance in the last 24 hours from the DfE about the changes in managing Covid from today, 1st April, which states:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and 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 will be 3 days.

The population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections, thanks to the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk.

I will be asking our staff who feel unwell to test if they still have any available. If they test positive for Covid, I will ask them to remain at home whilst they are unwell and return to work on the 6th day after symptoms began.

For children, if they are unwell, they should not come into school, especially if they have a temperature. They should not return to school until they are well. If you have tested your child with a lateral flow and they test positive, they should stay at home for 3 days, returning to school on the 4th day after the positive test even if they do not have symptoms.

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In order to support our school community and keep rates down, I would ask parents/carers to ensure that you do not send your child into school if they are unwell, just as you have been doing up to this point.

I would like to remind parents that children need to have 48 hours at home after being sick or having diarrhoea.

I do hope that this guidance supports us all returning to a new normal and hope that the information is clear. If you do have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Kelsey', written over a horizontal line.

Laura Kelsey

Headteacher

