



Newnham St Peter's C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers

Revised Government Guidance on Covid

Thank you so much to everyone who has given the school so much support over the last two-and-a-bit years. Your efforts to keep everyone safe have enabled us to keep the school open as much as possible and we are very, very grateful.

New guidance has come out stating that Covid is much like any other respiratory illness now, and those of you who have been suffering from the 'super-cold' that is doing the rounds currently will probably agree!

From now on, we are being advised that staff and pupils should stay at home, only if they have a high temperature; testing is no longer mentioned in the guidance. This means that whether you have tests at home, and whether you test your children or not, we are to expect them in school every day unless they have a high temperature (or different illness). In school, we will obviously continue to make sure that we are cleaning thoroughly and we will be watchful for outbreaks of this, or any other, infectious condition and take appropriate action where necessary.

This will feel strange to all of us I suspect as we have been very covid-aware for so long now, but I am sure that together, we will be able to support each other to get through it. As ever, if you have any questions or concerns, please do ring in for a chat.

Changes to measures and guidance from the government for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April:

- 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

Kind regards

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Interim Headteacher