

26th January 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

As I am sure that you are aware, from tomorrow the government has lifted some of the plan B restrictions that are currently in place in general society. The local authority has also retracted the Public Health advice to increase safety measures (that was issued in November) in Wakefield schools.

The below information gives an up to date summary of the actions currently being taken by school and advice on symptomatic and positive cases.

Covid Restrictions In School

After giving this careful consideration (and assessing the current number of cases in school), we have decided that we will keep current protocols in place in school and review this again before the half term break.

This means that we will continue the following as part of general guidance (not plan B or local authority linked):

- To promote good hygiene and regular handwashing
- Ensuring windows and doors are open so that classrooms are well ventilated
- Monitoring the air quality in teaching and communal spaces to ensure that this ventilation is effective.

We will also continue with the additional measures that we already have in place:

- A 'soft start' to the mornings where classroom doors are open from 8:45 to 9:00 for children to be dropped off.
- Only permitting essential visitors on to the school site and requesting that any visitors take a LFT test before arrival.
- Staff will continue to wear face coverings in communal areas of school and when not in their own, regular classroom.
- **Requesting that parents / carers wear face coverings when on school site.**

Guidance on Testing and Isolation Rules

Following the retraction of the Public Health local advice, there is no longer any need for household isolation. If a member of your household tests positive, all children (who do not have a positive result or symptoms) are required to attend school - **but should be tested at home daily for 7 days.**

We appreciate that it may be difficult to get your children into school if this is the case and you yourself are indeed isolating; if this is the case, please contact the school office and we will discuss possible strategies and solutions to best support you with this.

If your child is displaying any of the following symptoms, please administer a lateral flow test BEFORE sending them to school.

- Fever
- Cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Changes in the skin, such as discoloured areas on the feet and hands
- Sore throat
- Gastrointestinal symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, belly pain or diarrhoea
- Chills
- Muscle aches and pain
- Extreme fatigue
- Severe headache
- Nasal congestion

If symptoms are on-going and lateral flow tests remain negative you will need to consider a PCR test. Should you be uncertain, if you contact the school office we will be able to offer some advice / guidance on this.

Thank you for your continued cooperation with this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Burnett".

Miss D Burnett
Principal