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Dear Parents / Carers,

Updated COVID-19 Risk Assessment and Guidance

In line with the latest government advice and policy, we have updated our COVID-19 risk assessment and procedures. We have outlined the key point below and the risk assessment is available to view on our website. Please note, that these procedures and government advice are likely to change again on 1st April so are only relevant for the remainder of the spring term.

More information can also be found by clicking on the following link:

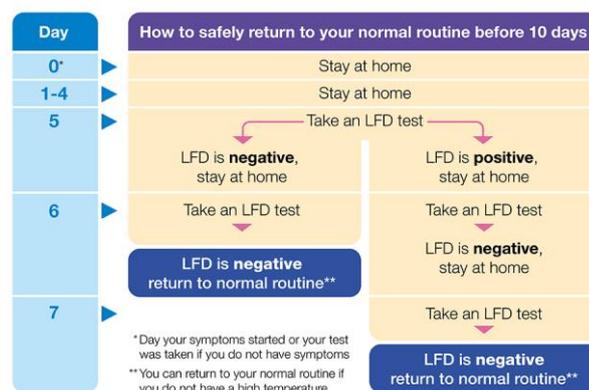
[Government COVID-19 Guidance for Parents](#)

Testing

- If someone shows symptoms of COVID, they are still advised to either book a PCR test or carry out a test at home using a lateral flow device.
- School staff are no longer advised to carry out lateral flow testing twice weekly; however, they are free to continue if they wish, whilst tests are still available.
- Community testing in England will cease on 1st April.

Positive Cases of COVID-19

- School will no longer let parents know if there has been a positive case in their child's class, unless there is a child who is medically vulnerable in the class. In this case, we will only notify the parents of that child.
- If a child or adult in school tests positive, we ask that they stay at home and do not attend school for at least 5 days. We are treating this as we would any other infectious illness (such as chicken pox) and may send children home if we know they are positive for COVID.
- The NHS advice is to test on day 5 and again on day 6 and if these are negative, the person can return to school. If testing is positive, continue to test on consecutive days until two negative results are received or you reach day 10.



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Changes to control measures and risk assessment

- The control measures for schools are now:
 1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
 2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
 3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
 4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- Staff are no longer required to wear a face covering in communal areas but are free to wear one if they wish.
- Visitors do not need to wear a face covering in school unless a member of staff asks them to do so (for example, if it makes the member of staff feel more comfortable).
- Children will start to mix with other year groups during the coming weeks. Outside areas will no longer be designated for each year group and assemblies will be with more than one year group.

We will continue to follow all advice from the Department for Education and Essex County Council and will update our procedures as and when necessary.

If you have any questions, please do speak to myself of the school office.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Haken', written in a cursive style.

Mrs J Haken
Deputy Headteacher