

10th May 2021

Dear families

Covid symptoms and testing

As we come out of lockdown and restrictions are easing, we are all beginning to get out more and see family and friends. Things will open up even further from 17th May and for this reason I would like to remind you of the guidelines on symptoms and testing to ensure we do not become too complacent.

I am pleased to say that, so far, we have been able to continue with our own road map out of COVID restrictions in order to support a move back to normal school life. This is only possible due to the care and dedication the entire school community has shown in looking after each other and by taking this situation very seriously; for this we all thank you.

Some of our older students, from age 11, are able to take lateral flow device tests twice weekly and these can be issued through school. However you also able to collect family LFD tests from a local collection centre, details of how to order these can be found here, <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>, if you wish to take part in twice weekly testing.

Our staff are also lateral flow testing twice weekly; this way we hope to keep everyone as safe as possible. The vast majority of staff have had at least one vaccination, with many having received their second dose more recently.

However, it is important to remember that the lateral flow tests are primarily to check for those who may be asymptomatic. If you, or your child, have any symptoms at all (continuous cough, temperature, loss of taste and/or smell) it is essential that you self-isolate and arrange for a PCR test to be done either by having one delivered to your home, which can then be posted back for processing, or by visiting a test centre. Whilst you may want to take a lateral flow test, it is still necessary to isolate and await results of a PCR test before you child can return to school.

Please remember to follow the government guidance at all times, check our flow chart (attached) for simple guidance about sending your child into school and if you are unsure, at any time, please call school and we will clarify for you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Leigh Edser
Principal