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Dear families

I know we have all faced some very challenging times with the impact of COVID-19 over the last 2 years and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during this time. As you will know, there have been many guidance changes over the last month regarding COVID-19.

The school will continue to follow the latest guidelines set out by the Department of Education.

Testing for staff and students

From 1 April, routine testing will no longer be expected in all education and children's social care settings. This is part of the government's plan to remove remaining restrictions on society while protecting the most vulnerable from COVID-19. There is no longer access to free universal testing except for a small number of high risk groups and settings that do not include any educational settings. Anyone wishing to take a COVID-19 test now will need to access tests through private providers such as your local pharmacy.

For full government guidance for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID 19, please [click here](#).

What to do if you test positive for COVID-19

Staff who have a *positive COVID-19 test result* should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day they took the test.

Children or young people with a *positive COVID-19 test result* to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took their test.



What to do if your child has mild symptoms

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

School Attendance

School attendance is mandatory for all students of compulsory school age. At Dysart, we will continue to ensure our priority is for as many students as possible to regularly attend school. There may still be occasions where students are required to stay at home having tested positive for Covid-19 and this will continue to be reflected accordingly in our registration.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are no longer mandatory in England and wearing a mask in communal areas will be personal choice.

Control Measures

The school will continue with the following measures to help keep the school community stay as safe as possible. We will continue to:

- ensure good hygiene for everyone
- maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
- keep occupied spaces well ventilated
- follow Public Health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- All children and young people with respiratory symptoms will be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

[Click here](#) for full guidance on living safely with respiratory infections including COVID 19.



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COVID-19 Vaccination

All those aged 5 years and over are now being offered COVID-19 vaccination as recommended by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). A further 'Spring' booster dose of vaccine is being offered to anyone aged over 12 years who is immunosuppressed (weakened immune system) and those over 75 years.

Please see the following links for information regarding vaccination clinics and support in your area.

- **Kingston Vaccination webpages for details of local vaccination clinics and pop ups:** <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/vaccine>
- **South West London CCG vaccination webpages for details of vaccination clinics and pop ups in South West London:** <https://swlondonccg.nhs.uk/covid/>
- **SWL COVID-19 vaccination advice line** 0203 880 0338 for anyone who is hesitant about having COVID-19 vaccination or would like further information on COVID-19 vaccination.

Nursing Team

Please contact our nursing team if you have any questions or need to update them on your child's medical situation.

0208 390 5846

Nurse-dysart@dysartschool.org

Thank you for all your ongoing support as we continue to take measures to keep our community safe.

Yours sincerely

Leigh Edser
Principal

