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## **Covid -19 Update in School**

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope our families are all well and that students are fully prepared for the second half of the academic year. I am writing with an update on Covid-19 routines.

### **Changes to self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts**

From Thursday 24 February, the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who have symptoms should take a PCR test and if this is positive are strongly advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. See [guidance](#) for further information. The guidance that we have received can be found here [schools](#).

For us at school we interpret this to mean:

Children and young people with COVID-19 **should not attend their education setting while they are infectious**. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to school, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

Remote learning will continue to be provided for all students isolating due to a positive Covid test.

Children and young people who attend school who live with someone who has COVID-19 should continue to attend the setting as normal unless they are displaying Covid-19 symptoms.

Please continue to report positive cases to school using our dedicated email account [covidnotification@tuptonhall.org.uk](mailto:covidnotification@tuptonhall.org.uk) or by telephone to the main school reception.

From 24 February, there will be no requirement for anyone to isolate should they be a close contact with a positive case, whether fully vaccinated or not, and routine NHS contact tracing will end.

This guidance is in place until 1 April 2022 after which the government plan is also to end most free Covid-19 testing. Further guidance on how positive cases will be identified after this date and what isolation, if any, will be recommended will be published nearer the time.

We will monitor the situation in school and act accordingly should we see a rise in Covid-19 cases.

Wishing you all the very best

Mr Andrew J Knowles  
Headteacher