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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the announcement that the legal requirement to isolate if you test positive for Covid-19 is ending, I am writing to update you on the updates to DfE guidance for schools.

What is staying the same?

Children who have symptoms of Covid-19 will still be expected to isolate. They will not be permitted to attend school.

To return to school children need:

a negative PCR test result

or two negative LFT tests following a period of isolation after a positive PCR this is on day 5 or 6 of isolation

or ten days to have passed after symptoms starting.

What is changing?

It is no longer advised to wear masks in school. Children who wish to wear masks are permitted to do so.

Twice weekly lateral flow testing has come to an end other than for staff and pupils in our DSPs.

Pupils who are close contacts are advised to attend school unless they have symptoms.

Attached to this letter is an information on common illnesses and the periods of time children should stay away from school for. If you are unsure, please speak to the office or a member of the attendance team who will be able to help you.

Yours sincerely,



Mel Saville
Executive Principal

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When should you return to school?

Chicken Pox	Conjunctivitis	Diarrhoea & Vomiting	Glandular Fever	Hand, Foot & Mouth	Impetigo
When all spots have crusted over	When feeling well enough	48 hours from last episode	When feeling well enough	When feeling well enough	When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles	Mumps	Scabies	Scarlet Fever	Slapped Cheek	Whooping Cough
4 days from onset of rash	5 days from onset of swelling	After first treatment	24 hours after commencing antibiotics	When feeling well enough	48 hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu	Headlice	Threadworms	Tonsillitis	COVID Symptomatic	COVID Positive
When feeling well enough	No need to stay off school but please notify school	No need to stay off but please notify school	When feeling well enough	Please get a PCR test and Isolate until Negative Result	Minimum 5 day isolation. Return to school after 2 Negative LFT's day 5 & 6

This information is based on the Public Health Agency guide