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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful Easter break and are looking forward to an exciting term of enriched learning opportunities, trips, residential and general Summer Term fun. We are so excited to see the sun at last and can't wait to really throw ourselves back into normality. We are thrilled to be inviting you back in the building and will be extending our offer once more with; Showcases, Gatherings, Sharing Assemblies and much, much more. If you would like to volunteer to hear readers, we would love to have you. Please contact your child's class teacher if this is something you would be interested in.

Obviously we must still consider COVID, how we will live with it and what that will look like in school. Below I have laid out the guidance for your information.

'Living with COVID-19' – Next steps for education and childcare settings

The future approach to managing COVID in education and childcare settings will now consider COVID-19 as one of many respiratory illnesses.

- Regular asymptomatic testing within education and childcare settings is no longer advised and test kits are no longer available to educational settings.
- Educational settings are required to follow advice as set out by UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).
- Free testing has ended for most people in England, with the exception of NHS settings and those who are at the highest risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19, if you think you may be included within this grouping, further information can be found at [Changes to testing for COVID-19 in England - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)- schools cannot provide kits any longer

In line with the governments updated approach we will focus on transitioning to a new way of managing COVID-19, but we do recognise this doesn't mean the virus has gone away or will do soon. We will continue the excellent habits we have developed- encouraging the basics of **good hygiene** – hand sanitiser will remain available throughout school, regular handwashing will continue and all will be expected to follow the NHS [catch, it kill it, bin it](#) regime, tissues and disposable paper will remain, **cleaning regimes** will continue to be stringent and **good ventilation** will remain common place, with all expected to remain



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mindful of the air flow throughout school- allowing bursts of fresh air throughout the day where possible.

What should you do if you have symptoms of COVID-19?

If you have [symptoms of a respiratory illness](#), and a high temperature, or do not feel well enough to attend school, stay at home and avoid contact with people until you are well enough to resume normal activities and no longer have a high temperature (and no longer need medication to reduce a temperature)

- [Children and young people \(aged 18 years and under\) who have mild symptoms of a respiratory infection](#) such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting
- Adults and children who have experienced diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school for two days after symptoms have gone.

If you have received a positive result because you were advised to test, you should not attend work or school for 5 days (19 years and over) or a minimum of 3 days (18 years and under), you should avoid contact with other people, as with all respiratory illnesses you should return to work or school when you do not have a high temperature and feel well.

Will I be required to wear a face covering?

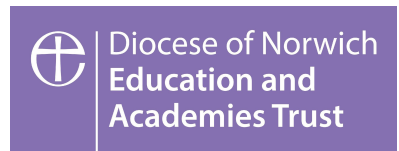
From the beginning of Summer term, it will no longer be school policy for staff to wear a face covering whilst within our school site but remains for children when travelling on school transport- unless otherwise advised. We will support staff who wish to wear a face covering and will continue to provide a supply.

Visitors to the school are also not required to wear masks, as with all adults they are welcome to wear one if they would like to.

Whilst we do not expect a further change in policy in respect of face coverings, this will be kept under review and may be reintroduced, should there be change in circumstances or upon UKHSA advice.

Vaccination

We know many of you have already begun vaccinating your children. Healthy 5 to 11 year olds can now book a COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccinations take place outside of school, in vaccination centres, pharmacies, GP surgeries and walk-in centres. Parents can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](#), at a vaccination centre or pharmacy, or [find a walk in COVID 19 vaccination site](#) without needing an appointment



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Further Covid-19 questions?

Please continue to email or call the office for any support or information.

As always we will keep you all up to date as and when guidance changes or new information comes to light.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Godbold