

4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable half term break. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school this week.

We wanted to let you know how the latest government 'Living with Covid' guidance has impacted the Risk Assessment in our schools for your pupils.

There is no longer a legal requirement for people with Covid-19 to isolate. However, the main schools guidance and the UKHSA guidance are clear that **positive individuals are still advised to isolate**. In line with the main schools' guidance, the UKHSA guidance makes the following points about schools and children (which also applies to staff):

*"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 their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature."*

**Therefore, if your child tests positive for Covid-19, we ask that you follow this guidance and keep your child at home. We will provide remote education for your child whilst they are isolating (providing they are well enough to undertake the learning).**

If your child is a contact of someone with Covid-19, they can still attend school. As before the guidance changed, attendance in school is mandatory for all pupils.

Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms or communal areas (unless we are advised otherwise by a director of public health during an outbreak). Staff and pupils are still welcome to wear a face covering if this makes them feel more comfortable, but this is no longer a requirement.

We will continue with our control measures:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

If you wish to speak to us about any of the new guidance and requirement for school, please do get in touch.

Best wishes

The Leaders of the CLIC Trust Schools

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