



3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

Dear parents/ carers,

To update you, this morning **we have 1 member of staff and 5 pupils absent due to Covid-19** – either with a positive LFD or Covid symptoms.

The guidance remains as changed on 1<sup>st</sup> April and can be found here -

To summarise:

- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result are now advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days. This of course applies to all staff at the school.
- Children with a positive COVID-19 test result are now advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days if, of course, they do not have a high temperature and are well enough to attend.
- Adults with symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, and a high temperature or who feel unwell, are advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) tests are no longer be freely available, including to schools, and routine testing will no longer be expected in schools. (The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have provided new information [here](#) on who can access free tests from now on.)
- 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 return to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- It is deemed 'sensible' to wear a mask in enclosed spaces, keep indoor spaces ventilated and stay away from others if you have any symptoms of a respiratory illness, including COVID.
- Children and young people aged 5 and over are encouraged to get vaccinated, although the in-school COVID-19 vaccination programme will come to an end.

The school's latest risk assessment can be found here - [Directorate/Department \(highampton-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](https://www.directorate.gov.uk/Department/highampton-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Please be reassured that we are doing everything we can to ensure the safety of both staff and children and we will continue to communicate with you regularly.

Kind regards,

Mrs Petersen (Principal)