



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

24th February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Covid Update February 2022

I am writing further to the Prime Minister's announcements on Monday regarding the further lifting of COVID restrictions, as we move towards living with the virus as part of life. As we have done throughout the pandemic, the school will **continue to** follow the Government's position on responding to the virus; however, on this occasion, and in the interests of the health and wellbeing of the whole school community, I shall be asking for the support of parents by requiring that what is now only advice from the Government is followed.

Amongst the restrictions lifted are the procedures for contact tracing of close contacts for a positive case which previously meant 7 days of daily LFD testing. The recommendation for bi-weekly testing for school staff has also been removed. With some cases potentially asymptomatic this does bring an added risk of COVID being brought into school undetected, and this is why we must continue with those good habits of hygiene that we have developed over the last couple of years. Regular handwashing, and use of the sanitiser that continues to be provided at the doorway to every classroom, should take place, especially before and after eating. We will continue to keep classrooms well-ventilated.

If your child is unwell with symptoms of COVID, you should still arrange for a PCR test to be taken. It is no longer a requirement (from today – Thursday 24th February) to self-isolate following a positive test result, however DfE guidance to schools advises that you should remain at home for a period of six days (the day the symptoms began plus five further days). We would ask that, in the event of a positive result for your child, you inform the school via absence@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk and follow the DfE guidance and keep them away from school for the required period. This will help us to ensure the safety of the school community and allow us to continue to monitor the prevalence of the virus and ascertain the risk of potential outbreak. Our provision of work on Teams is such that pupils are able to access education remotely for this short period. A work pack can also be provided if this would be preferred.

We will continue to monitor the situation and, should it be necessary, and in consultation with Local Health Teams as to the possibility of an outbreak, we may reinstate some measures. I will write again if this proves to be necessary. Otherwise, we anticipate that what we have set out here will remain in force until the end of this term.

Thank you for your continued support. If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch via feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk.

Kind Regards,
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