



BEARWOOD Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the Government's announcement on the ending of all Covid restrictions in England, we have been considering the implications for us as a school. In doing so, we are, as ever, following the advice and guidance of the experts at the Department for Education (DfE) and the NHS.

Whilst the Government's announcement is clear that Covid remains present in society, it does bring an end to the series of legal and advisory measures that have been in place in schools over the last two years. I would like to thank everyone in the school – students, parents, staff and visitors for following the guidance to minimise the risk of transmitting the virus within school.

Our priority remains the safety and wellbeing of everyone in our school community, however, I would hope that we would all continue to act sensibly and considerately in the interests of everyone's health.

Following the announcements over the half term break, please find a summary below:

If your child does develop symptoms associated with Covid-19, it is recommended to test them for the virus. Tests will be free of charge until 1st April from the NHS or your pharmacist if you need them.

Self-isolation: Whilst the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test has now been removed, adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. The updated Government guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

Please continue to update on any positive cases via normal school attendance procedures. Close contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests.

We are all hopeful that we are now coming to the end of the pandemic, but this is by no means a certainty and, as new variants occur, we may be required to reintroduce some or all of the measures we have lived with over the past two years. As a school, we will be continuing to keep our risk assessments and plans updated so that we are always prepared for anything that needs to be reintroduced at short notice.



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Thank you again for your support over the past two years. We are all looking forward to returning to normality and, as long as we remain vigilant and considerate of others, I am confident that we will be able to do so successfully and enjoy in full the remainder of the academic year.

Yours sincerely,



Laura Bennett
Head Teacher



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