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Dear parents, carers and staff,

Schools have been given new COVID-19 guidance following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday.

### **What has stayed the same?**

Children who are displaying the symptoms of COVID-19 should stay at home and get a PCR test. They can return to school 10 days after they started showing symptoms as long as they don't have a temperature. They can return to school as early as the sixth day after showing symptoms if they have two negative lateral flow tests.

Reminder - the main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a new and continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss or change of smell or taste

PCR and Lateral Flow Tests can be ordered/ booked here: <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>

### **What has changed?**

Close contacts no longer need to complete daily lateral flow tests. Unvaccinated adults no longer need to self isolate if they are a close contact. Staff no longer need to complete twice weekly asymptomatic testing.

If you have any questions about this, please let me know.

With best wishes,

Oliver Woodward  
Headteacher