



Oakhill Community Primary School

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Dear Parents

COVID-19 School Information Update

Welcome back from half term, I hope that you all managed to have a good week and enjoyed some of the sun, which was a welcome change from the blustery weather. As I am sure you are all aware, on the 21st February the Prime Minister set out the next phase of the Government's COVID19 response. COVID-19 continues to be a virus that we learn to live with and the imperative need to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education remains.

This letter includes some of the updates from the revised operational guidance and measures that will remain in place. For any further information please see the full guidance using this link; [Schools COVID-19 operational guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

- **Attendance – staff and pupils** Attendance is mandatory for all and it is a priority. Critically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) and vulnerable staff and children will attend school.
- **Isolation** - there is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVI-19) infection to self –isolate, **however** if you have any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. This helps reduce the chance of passing COVID 19 to others.
- **Contacts** are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests, and contact tracing has ended
- **Face coverings** are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms or communal areas.
- Staff have been twice weekly testing since January 2021 as directed by the DfE but, moving forward, this has now stopped as the DfE has stopped sending LFD test kits into primary schools.

Throughout this time there have been measures which have been maintained and these will continue to be whole school measures. These are:

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 have any further questions, please contact the school office, thank you for your continued support as always.

Yours sincerely

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