

Dear Parent/ carer,

Following the Government's announcement to move to Living with Covid, we have considered guidance from the Department of Education and the approach adopted by local schools.

- The legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive Covid-19 test has been removed. However, **adults and children who test positive will be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative tests on consecutive days.**
- There will no longer be a need for close contacts (under 18 or fully vaccinated) to test daily for 7 days.
- Close contacts who are not fully vaccinated no longer have to self-isolate.
- Routine contact tracing will come to an end.
- Staff are no longer required to undertake twice weekly asymptomatic testing.

If your child tests positive for Covid 19, they should follow the advice and stay at home for 5 days, avoiding contact with other people. They should **only return to preschool** once they have received 2 negative tests, 2 days in a row. Although this is no longer a legal requirement, for the preschool to continue to remain open we must minimise staff infections. If too many staff are positive and isolating, then preschool may have to close, something we are keen to avoid.

- If a member of staff has tested positive for Covid 19, they will stay at home for 5 days, and follow the same guidance as for pupils. Staff will still be encouraged to test twice a week for the time being and at least until the end of term.
- If a parent/carer has Covid they can now bring their child to preschool, avoiding other people by arranging a quieter drop off and collection time. Please discuss any individual arrangements with the preschool directly in these circumstances.

As always, we will be keeping measures in place to reduce the risk of passing on any infections. Children will still be washing their hands on arrival to preschool, and we keep the hall adequately ventilated to allow fresh air to flow about.

Please get in touch if you have any further questions.

Kindest regards

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