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Dear Learners, Parents/ Carers, Staff and Directors

### Government Announcement on Next Steps for Living With COVID

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April. Now that we are back from the Easter break, I wanted to share this update with you all.

Free COVID-19 testing (both PCR and Lateral Flow Tests) will no longer be available to the general public. As such guidance for those with symptoms, or who test positive for COVID-19 has changed.

The updated guidance is:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature;
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend;
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

We have therefore updated our COVID Risk Assessment and Operational Plan to reflect these changes.

Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely,



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CEO & Principal