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Dear Parents/Carers

The Government has updated the guidance for students attending school with possible Covid-19 symptoms or indeed confirmed positive cases.

Attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. We have an expectation that every student should be striving to achieve at least 96% attendance.

The Government is very clear that we are not to continue to distribute Lateral Flow Testing kits to staff/pupils. Their advice is here:

- Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including in SEND, alternative provision, and children's social care settings.

Specifically, on the circumstances in which a child should and should not attend school, the guidance states:

- Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough.
- If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and where possible, avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days if they feel well and do not have a high temperature.
- Children and young people who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

Teachers will continue to post all learning on google Classroom to allow all students continued access to the curriculum in the event of a student forced to take time off of school. I would like to remind you however that nothing can replace the advantages of the students actually being physically in the classroom learning from the teacher's expertise at the same time as their peers

If your child is in Year 11 or Year 13 and is unable to attend school due to Covid-19, but they are well enough to learn, you will be able to discuss invitations to lessons on line with our attendance team.

For further advice on attendance, please visit the page on our website [here](#).

You may also find some useful advice and guidance on the wellbeing page of our website [here](#).

Yours faithfully

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