



28 February 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well. I am emailing with a brief COVID update as we move into the second half of the spring term:

1. **Control measures in school:** We keep a daily track of all reported cases of COVID-19 (suspected and confirmed) to inform our level of response. Currently we are using ventilation, hand sanitiser, additional cleaning and good respiratory hygiene to limit the spread of COVID-19 in school. Masks are currently freely available, but optional.
2. **Self-isolation:** Students who are symptomatic (new continuous cough / high temperature / change in sense of taste or smell) should take a PCR test, stay at home and avoid contact with other people. If their test is negative, they can return to school. If their test is positive, they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five days. They can return to school following two negative test results on consecutive days.
3. **Asymptomatic testing at home:** Students no longer need to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing. Anyone with symptoms should take a PCR test and self-isolate as described above.

The government has stated it will be updating their guidance for schools by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022, at which point we will be able to relay any key messages to you.

Regards,

Yours faithfully

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Head of School