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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and the extended Bank Holiday weekend has been enjoyed. I am writing with an update on the latest advice on Covid-19 from the Government.

You can read the [Government's advice here](#).

### **What is changing?**

In April the Government changed their guidance on Covid. From now on, people with symptoms of Covid-19 or other respiratory infections, and a high temperature or who feel unwell, are advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they feel well and no longer have a high temperature.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They should return to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

The government is reducing the number of free Covid-19 tests, and schools will no longer have access to free tests to distribute. If you do choose to access tests elsewhere, please note that the latest guidance advises that:

- 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. Students will not need a negative test result beyond the 3 days to return, they should return if they are well enough and do not have a high temperature.

### **Moving forward**

We welcome the Government's advice that we can take this step closer to normality with caution; it is so important that our young people can learn and socialise at school together.

However, it remains very important that we take Covid-19 seriously as we would any other infectious disease. If your child has symptoms of Covid and a high temperature, or is unwell in any way, please ensure that they stay at home until they are well enough to return.

We will of course continue to keep our existing precautions under review to ensure that we do all we can to reduce the risk for everyone.

Thank you as always for your support and understanding during the last two years of disruption, and as we take this next step.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AS Booth'.

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