



26th February 2022

RE: Covid-19 Update for Spring Term 2

Good morning,

Due to updated Covid-19 guidance, I thought it was important to provide some clarity on how this may affect the day to day running of Cardinham School. The main point from the guidance that we have received is as follows:

“Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. They should follow the guidance for their educational setting.”

“Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has COVID-19 should continue to attend the setting as normal.”

I would also like to make you aware of the following links and advise that you spend a little time familiarising yourself with the latest expectations.

[What to do if you get coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

[When to stay at home if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and what to do - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Ultimately, if someone in your household develops Covid-19 symptoms, they are required to get a confirmatory PCR test and should “stay at home and try to avoid contact with other people”. If the test comes back as positive, again, the individual should “stay at home and try to avoid contact with other people”. There is now no legal expectation to self-isolate if you have Covid-19; however, those with Covid-19 should still “stay at home and try to avoid contact with other people”. Therefore, if we learn of a positive case within our setting, we will expect the individual not to attend Cardinham School whilst infectious.

In addition, a reminder that, from Monday, it will no longer be a recommendation for parents and carers to wear masks when on school grounds. We appreciate that some may feel more comfortable continuing to wear a mask and will respect the personal choice of each individual. We will also be removing bubbles so that pupils of all ages can once again experience school life together. Of course, our COVID risk assessment will remain under constant review should the landscape change.

Finally, we will still be putting in place the following measures to mitigate the risk of transmission:

1. Ensuring good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.

3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19 – this includes having an 'Outbreak Management Plan' where we can step up measures if required.

I hope this letter provides you with a clearer understanding of the latest guidance. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any questions. I hope you have all had a restful half-term and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Jones', written in a cursive style.

Mr D Jones
Headteacher