

HOLBROOK ACADEMY



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Please note that with effect from Monday 4th April, we will be implementing the new Government guidance on managing absence linked to COVID-19.

The full guidance can be found [here](#) but the main points for schools are as follows:

- Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.
- 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, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.
- It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower and they should return to school, unless they are unwell. Students no longer need to have a negative COVID-19 test in order to return to school following a positive COVID-19 test.

- For adults who have a positive COVID-19 test result, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test.
- Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including in SEND, alternative provision and children's social care settings.

Please also note that schools will no longer be able to issue test kits to students or staff.

Staff will no longer routinely test, but staff who are ill and who test positive for COVID-19 will still be asked to stay off work for five days and to return only once well, as per the guidance.

In line with the guidance, we will continue to ensure that classrooms are well ventilated and that sanitiser is available for students to use in classrooms and around the Academy.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Maltby

