



Dear Parents and Carers

You will be aware that yesterday the Government set out changes it was making to their response to Covid-19 in their [Living with Covid-19](#) plan. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of the implications for students at Kimberley School.

Changes to Asymptomatic Testing

From Monday 21st February 2022 the government removed the guidance for staff and students to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic (LFD) testing. This means that:

- the school is no longer able to supply test kits to students as they no longer need to test twice a week
- students can access test kits until April 1st 2022 from their local pharmacy or [online](#)

Asymptomatic testing may be re-introduced for targeted groups of students and/or staff in the event of an outbreak if the school is advised to do so by a Director of Public Health or local Health Protection Team.

Changes to Self-Isolation

From Thursday 24th February 2022:

- The Government are withdrawing the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Instead, students will be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with people for at least five full days, and then continue to follow this guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.
- The Government will also end routine contact tracing which means that students will no longer be advised to take daily tests if they have been in close contact with someone who has the virus.
- The Government are ending self-isolation support payments.

Students who have tested positive and are following the advice to stay at home should follow their normal school timetable and complete the work on the [school's remote curriculum](#). Students should monitor Show My Homework as some teachers may broadcast their lessons live to students who are at home. Please do remember that accessing the Remote Curriculum can only ever be a "second best". Students should continue to attend school if they have not tested positive for Covid-19 and are well enough to do so. Good Attendance Matters.

Until Thursday 24th February 2022 pupils, staff and visitors should continue to follow the [government guidance on when to safe isolate](#)

Other Control Measures

In the context of these announcements, we think it is important that all other measures related to cleaning, ventilation and good hand/respiratory hygiene remain in place but we will keep these under review as we develop a good understanding of the impact of the changes the government

announced yesterday. Please remember that the full details of all control measures that are in place at Kimberley School are set out on our [Covid Control Measures](#) page of the website.

Yours faithfully

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