**COVID Update Summary**

**From 1st April the government has removed free testing and updated the advice for managing COVID19 – here is a quick reference to show what this will mean for our school:**

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|  | **Pupils** | **Parents** | **Staff** |
| **Continue to ensure good hygiene for everyone** | Will wash hands regularly throughout the day | Will be asked to sanitise when entering the building | Will wash hands and sanitise regularly throughout the day |
| **Cleaning regimes** | Will continue to “catch it, bin it, kill it” | Encourage children to sneeze into a tissue or their elbow and encourage good hygiene at home | Re-structured cleaning team & routines will remain in place |
| **Spaces well ventilated** | Windows will be open continuously and Hepa filter systems have been installed in rooms that are not as well ventilated | Ensure children have warm clothing in cold weather | Corridor doors no longer need to be propped open, but windows & external doors should remain open. C02 monitors to continue to be used and classrooms to be emptied (purged) if levels increase |
| **Face coverings** | Not required | Not required, but supported if parents wish to wear | Not required unless assisting a symptomatic pupil, but supported if staff wish to wear |
| **Testing** | No testing available – public health may re-instate testing locally of numbers of cases increase | | |
| **Higher risk people** | Individual risk assessments will be completed for high risk pupils and school will notify families if multiple cases occur in the pupil’s class | Higher risk people should let school know if they need additional support to access school events and we will assist wherever possible | Individual risk assessments will be completed for high risk staff and school will give advice as circumstances change |
| **Assemblies** | Continue to have key stage assemblies in well ventilated spaces, forward facing | Will be invited into assemblies as a class group rather than year group for summer term | Ensure windows and doors open for assemblies and children facing forward |
| **Meetings** | Children will have access to all rooms in school | Will be in well-ventilated areas with sufficient distance / space for numbers invited. **Parents are requested NOT to attend meetings if they are unwell and to wear a face covering if someone in their household is unwell** | Staff to risk assess meetings and manage space and ventilation accordingly. Staff should wear face coverings when in meetings if someone in their household is unwell or if they are in a higher risk category – N95 masks are available for staff. |
| **Parent sessions** | Will be able to welcome their parents into the school for activities and meetings | Rooms will be well ventilated for parents and activities planned in sufficient group sizes. **Parents are requested NOT to attend activities if they are unwell and to wear a face covering if someone in their household is unwell** | Staff to plan parent activities in appropriate sized, well- ventilated rooms and repeat events if group size becomes too large. |
| **Church Services** | Will access church as part of their faith education in a CE school | Will be invited to school church services and encouraged to consider numbers of household attending parents will be advised to wear a face covering to large gatherings and not to attend if they are feeling unwell. | Advised to have children facing in one direction for singing and adequately spaced within the seating areas of church. Staff are advised to wear face coverings in church, as it is a larger gathering. |
| **Positive cases** | Free tests are no longer available, so families and staff must consider symptoms to decide if children / staff are well enough to attend school or not. Symptoms of COVID-19, flu and common respiratory infections include:   * continuous cough * high temperature, fever or chills * loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell * shortness of breath * unexplained tiredness, lack of energy * muscle aches or pains that are not due to exercise * not wanting to eat or not feeling hungry * headache that is unusual or longer lasting than usual * sore throat, stuffy or runny nose * diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick   If children or staff are feeling unwell with these symptoms, they should rest and keep hydrated. Paracetamol will help to manage symptoms. In some cases, a cough or feeling tired after other symptoms have improved may continue, but this does not mean that you are still infectious and children / staff can return to school once well enough to as long ***as they no longer have a high temperature***. For cases of COCID, it is advised for adults to stay away from others for 5 days and for primary aged pupils for 3 days to avoid being infectious. | | |
| **Household cases** | Can continue to attend school as long as they are fit and well and do not have a temperature. Pupils will be monitored and sent home if they become unwell in school. | Notify school if someone in the household is unwell and monitor children. Do not send child into school if they begin to become unwell or you are unsure – phone school to discuss.  **Wear a face covering when accessing school if someone in your house is unwell** | **Wear a face covering for any close contact activities if someone in your house is unwell and let school know** |
| **Contingency** | If there are high numbers of cases / symptoms in a class, additional measures may need to be reintroduced, such as testing or returning to a ‘bubble’ format | Please notify school of household cases and manage your child’s sickness appropriately to avoid infection and the risk of school having to reintroduce additional measures | Staff must monitor pupil health and let school admin / SLT know of increases in symptoms or children in school presenting with symptoms so that parents may be contacted |