

1st March 2022

COVID-19 Update

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your patience following the recent announcements regarding 'Living with COVID'. We have now received further clarification from Cambridgeshire County Council and Public Health England (PHE).

For your information, please find attached a useful flowchart to support you, should a member of your household test positive. The most recent government guidance, published 24th February 2022 can be found here: [COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts](#).

To confirm, **'children and young people and staff with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They may 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 (24 hours apart). If both these test results are negative, they should return to their educational setting, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.'**

As per prior to the half term break, your child should only return to the school when they have recorded two negative tests (from day 5), 24hrs apart.

This week, the Government withdrew its guidance for staff, children and young people in most education settings to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing. As such, Test Register notifications have now been switched off and you will no longer receive reminder notifications to take a test.

The regular delivery of LFD test kits has now stopped and so we will no longer be issuing boxes of tests to students as a matter of course. Reassuringly, in the event of an outbreak education testing delivery channels will remain open so that staff and students of secondary age and above can access tests if needed to respond to local public health advice, in the event of any outbreaks.

If you require test kits, please contact your local pharmacy or order tests online from [gov.uk](#).

At Abbey College, there are still a number of staff and students not in school due to COVID-19. Therefore, we continue to review our situation weekly; encourage regular hand sanitising, building ventilation and, as per our Public Health adviser's guidance, encourage face coverings when travelling on school transport.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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