



PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: COVID-19 Update

Following the Prime Minister's announcement last week, schools have received updated guidance around the management of Covid-19.

Here are the key points:

Self-isolation

- The legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test has been removed, but the guidance remains the same. This means that any adults and children who test positive will be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days.
- In order to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with Covid-19, the school will continue to request that children do not attend school if they are symptomatic or have tested positive.
- Routine contact tracing has ended. Fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 will no longer be asked to test daily for seven days, and close contacts who are not fully vaccinated will no longer be required to self-isolate.

Testing

- Since Monday 21st February, the government has removed the guidance for staff and pupils in education settings such as ours to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing.
- Anyone with symptoms should [take a PCR test](#), stay at home and follow government guidance if positive. People who have tested positive will continue to be advised to stay at home for five full days and then receive two negative test results on consecutive days before returning to their workplace or setting.
- Staff and pupils who test positive should use any test kits they already have at home to undertake testing on days five and six, before returning to school if they test negative. If they have run out, they

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should order additional test kits online via gov.uk or the school may be able to supply them if there is an appropriate route to do so, such as through a sibling, parent/carer or in the post.

Other measures

- Face coverings are no longer advised in classrooms or communal areas but remains a recommendation when using public transport. The school will continue to support pupils, staff or visitors who wish to wear one around the school site.
- The school will continue to ensure increased ventilation in areas of the school, whilst maintaining a comfortable temperature.
- Hand sanitisers continue to be made available around the school site, and frequent handwashing is encouraged.
- There is regular cleaning around the school site throughout the school day.
- The school will continue to monitor positive cases and seek advice on any further measures that may be required.

Thank you for your support in ensuring our COVID-19 protocols have been followed. We are currently still recording a small number of positive cases in school, but will monitor these carefully and follow any local or national guidance if the situation changes.

A letter from Carole Furlong, Director of Public Health Harrow, is also attached offering further information around the management of Covid-19 in education.

Kind regards



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