



THE FEDERATION OF BURLEY AND SOPLEY PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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Coronavirus Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

The latest COVID 19 situation appears to be an improving one. As a result, the Prime Minister has stressed the importance of reducing the disruption to pupils' learning. Please see the following government guidance and advice below.

Contacts no longer need to isolate:

People with COVID-19 and their contacts changed from 24th February. Contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests and contact tracing has ended.

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19:

Government guidance as of 24th February 2022 states that there is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus to self-isolate but if your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. We would ask that you adhere to this advice for your child.

Symptoms to look out for remain:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell.

If you or your child have these symptoms you should book a PCR test. The guidance document

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts> states that children who have symptoms of COVID-19 are more likely to pass the virus onto others than those who do not and **therefore this guidance states that children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious.**

People who have COVID-19 should take a lateral flow 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. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to school, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. As a result of this guidance we ask that pupils and staff with symptoms or a positive test result remain at home whilst infectious. We think that parents and carers would agree that people with symptoms or a positive test should not attend the school whilst infectious, given the potential risk to others and the disruption this could cause.

If there is a new variant or outbreak:

If there is a new variant or a significant outbreak of COVID-19 our school will review our risk assessments and revert to previous plans to ensure our pupils and school community remain as safe as possible. These measures would be reintroduced for as short a time as possible so that there is the minimum disruption for pupils. Regular hand washing and ventilation of spaces will continue in line with government advice. Please could you help us by reminding your children about the continuing importance of hand washing and good hygiene/using a tissue etc.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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