



DMA/LFA

19th April, 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I do hope you all had a wonderful Easter and are looking forward to the summer term. I just wanted to take this opportunity to update you on some of the changes relating to Covid-19. Last term, we had some challenges with staff absence but managed to avoid shutting down any year groups.

LFD Tests

As I am sure you are aware from Friday 1st April schools no longer need a Covid 19 specific risk assessment. This is due to the final restrictions being lifted on this date. The expectation for twice weekly testing has now ceased and you will be aware that test kits are no longer available through school or freely provided by the Government. However, you can purchase tests online using this link - [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Some individuals may be entitled to free test kits through the NHS. For more information about eligibility please follow this link - [free testing for Covid-19.](#)

Guidance of Isolation

Below I have outlined the updated guidance from UKHSA for *People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including Covid-19:*

- *Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.*
- *Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.*
- *Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is 3 days.*

If your child tests positive, please email covid@rrca.org.uk so the Attendance Team can code your child accurately.

While the specific controls required by Government in relation to Covid-19 have ended, as a school we will continue to ensure that personal hygiene practices are rigorous, cleaning is robust, and that all our buildings are effectively ventilated.



As a school we are very fortunate to be a part of United Learning Trust who have supported students by providing chromebooks and broadband dongles to families that need access to support learning. A reminder if any students require this support, please can you contact your Head of Year.

Safeguarding Support

Over the next term we do anticipate that some students will be self-isolating at different points. Your Head of Year and the Safeguarding Team will keep in touch to check-in on students prior to their return.

However, I wanted to remind you that we do have our email address safeguarding@rrca.org.uk if you have any safeguarding concerns or use the “tell someone” link on our school website.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all your support over this week as we start to open the school for the new term, and I look forward to writing to you next week in our fortnightly newsletter.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to be 'Mr Markham', written in a cursive style.

Mr Markham
Principal