

Monday 28 February

Dear parent/carer,

The [COVID-19 school guidance](#) has been updated by the government during the half term break and below is a summary of the changes and recommendations that we will be following.

The government has now removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.

### **Asymptomatic Testing Changes**

The government has now removed the guidance for staff and students in our academy to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing. If staff or students need to respond to any changes to local public health advice, the Local Authority will communicate who should test, how frequently and for how long. Any decisions made in the academy will be based on how to ensure staff and students are kept safe while minimising disruption to teaching and learning.

### **Students receiving a positive LFT result**

The recommendation is that any student with a positive test result should isolate for at least five full days:

- Day 0 - date of the positive test result
- Day 1 - 5 - Isolation

From day 5 you may choose to participate in daily LFT testing, following two consecutive negative tests on day 5 and day 6 (24 hours apart). If testing takes place early in the morning students can return on day 6 (providing your child does not have a temperature).

### **Positive case within the household**

Previously, the advice we were following from Public Health Wakefield was that if there was a positive case within the household, students should isolate for 5 days, this is **no longer** the case. If there is a positive case within the household, we would recommend regular LFT testing, however students should be attending school.

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Previously, we have asked that any COVID-19 related absence should be reported by completing the following form: <https://bit.ly/oahcovid>. Please continue to do this, although the only reason for COVID-19 absence is now due to a positive LFT test of the student.

Upon completing this form, if you provide an email address you will receive an email that contains information detailing what you need to do next including any testing dates and return dates to school where applicable.

If for any reason you are unable to complete the electronic form, you can report absence in the usual way by emailing [attendance@hemworth.outwood.com](mailto:attendance@hemworth.outwood.com) or calling the academy on 01977 624220.

If you have any further questions regarding the advice you have been given, please contact the academy using contact information detailed above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Barnes', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ben Barnes  
Assistant Principal