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Dear Parent and Carer

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister announced the next steps to remove some of the restrictions in place due to COVID-19, these come into effect on Monday 17th May. Some of the changes have an impact in schools, so I am writing to you to make you aware and to ask for your support in ensuring we keep staff and students safe.

### Face coverings

Students have been incredible in ensuring that they follow guidance relating to the wearing of face coverings in school. From Monday, face coverings will no longer be recommended for students in classrooms or communal areas. Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms. Guidance continues to recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas).

The reintroduction of face coverings for students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern. If this is the case, I will write to you to let you know of any changes.

The regulations on wearing face covering on public transport remain in force with adults and children and young people over the age of 11 required to wear face coverings unless they are exempt.

### Home testing

Students have received a further batch of home testing kits. The guidance for asymptomatic testing at home has not changed and we ask students to test at home on a Sunday and Thursday evening and report their results via the NHS website here <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> and to notify us of the result here <https://bit.ly/3vT6GDj>.

More information on COVID-19 testing can be found by visiting <https://padgateacademy.co.uk/coronavirus-testing>.

### Students with COVID-19 symptoms

Again, the guidance here has not changed. If **your child** or **someone in your household** shows any symptoms of COVID-19, they still need to follow the guidance on the next page. Please note that the home tests are for asymptomatic cases only. If your child has COVID-19 symptoms, they need to book a PCR test online (<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>), on the NHS App or by calling 119.

Students should not return to school whilst if they, or any member of your household are awaiting test results.

# COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p><b>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Child should get a test</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when child's test comes back negative OR has completed 10 days self isolation AND feels well / without fever for 48 hours</b></p>
 <p><b>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms)</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test results</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>...when child has completed at least 10 days of self isolation and they feel better / without fever for 48h</b></p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p><b>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Household member with symptoms should get a test</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	<p><b>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</b></p>
 <p><b>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</b></p>

\* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

If you have any questions around any of the changes, please contact the academy on 01925 822632.

Yours sincerely



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