



Friday, 25 February 2022

## Living with COVID-19 Plan

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on the 'Living with COVID-19 plan', I am writing to clarify the School's ongoing position and hopefully answer any questions you may have.

### **Testing for COVID-19**

From Monday 21st February 2022, the Government has removed the guidance for staff and students to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing.

Anyone with symptoms is requested to take a PCR test, stay at home and follow Government guidance if positive. Staff and Students 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 will be asked to use any test kits they already have at home to undertake testing on days five and six, before returning to school or college if they test negative.

Toot Hill School will not be providing any further test kits once our current stock has been used. Students are able to access test kits from their local pharmacy or online at the following website address:

[https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests?utm\\_source=21%20February%202022%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests?utm_source=21%20February%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

### **Self-Isolation**

From Thursday 24th February 2022, the government have removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. However, adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days, and then receive two negative test results on consecutive days before returning to school or college. The School will continue to proactively encourage staff and pupils to remain at home and follow the self-isolation guidance where applicable.

### **Contact Tracing**

Routine contact tracing will end. Close contacts who are fully vaccinated 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.

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We will of course continue to provide further updates as and when they come through from the DfE and the School will proactively review the above as we approach 1 April 2022.

Thank you for your continued support and, as ever, if you need further clarification regarding the contents of this letter, please contact me via my PA, Mrs Raouf, by emailing the following address: [traoof@toothillschool.co.uk](mailto:traoof@toothillschool.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Eardley', written in a cursive style.

**Dr C Eardley**  
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