

Drayton & Nightingale Partnership

Drayton Community Infant School and Nightingale Infant and Nursery School

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Covid-19 Update – Tuesday 22nd February 2022

Dear Drayton and Nightingale Families,

As you will be aware, last night the Prime Minister made an announcement regarding Covid-19 restrictions in England. From 24th February, the Government are taking away the legal requirement to self-isolate. Although the legal framework has been taken away, the Government advice remains that people with COVID should still isolate.

While cases are falling, they still remain high both locally and nationally.

Children and staff at school are required to self-isolate if they have COVID symptoms (and take a PCR test) or test positive for COVID-19. This is to continue to reduce the spread and prevent large scale disruption to the children's education.

It remains the case that if a child or member of staff tests negative on 2 consecutive days between day 5 and 10, they may return to school.

The requirement for children and staff who are close contacts with someone with COVID-19 to test for 7 consecutive days has been taken away. However, for as long as possible, staff will continue to do this and we advise children over the age of 5 who have a family member with Covid-19 to do the same.

Staff will continue to regularly test (as long as tests can be ordered) and wear masks in shared spaces/where social distancing cannot be maintained. We continue to ask all parents and visitors coming into the school building to wear a mask.

If you have any questions about COVID-19 symptoms or illness, please ring 111 or your GP.

For more information go to: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19>

I will continue to keep you informed as things change.

Sarah Hutt & The Drayton and Nightingale Team

These basic measures will continue:

- Increased ventilation (we now have CO2 monitors as an extra measure)
- Regular Handwashing/Hand Sanitising
- Masks worn around school and at drop off and pick up times
- Symptoms checked for all visitors

- Restriction of visitors into school
- COVID Risk Assessment in place (reviewed in light of changing circumstances)

If there is an outbreak in school and/or cases rise in line with our Contingency Plan, we will immediately contact the Outbreak Management Team who will advise us. For further info on restrictions go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19>