



Ruishton Church of England School

“For I know the plans I have for you...plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

COVID-19 – Latest Guidance April 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers,

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April. Most of the COVID-19 specific guidance for education and childcare settings has been withdrawn.

This letter aims to signpost you to the latest guidance and extract the key messages from the guidance relating to children and young people attending school.

Testing

Most people can no longer access free testing for COVID-19; we are not able to give out tests to staff or children.

When children and young people with symptoms should stay at home and when they can return to education

“Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

*Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. **They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.**”*

Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive test result

“It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.”

Remote Education

The Coronavirus Act 2020 and provision of remote education (England) expired on 24 March 2022 meaning that schools no longer have a legal duty to provide remote education.

It is most likely now that if your child is off school due to COVID-19 that they will be off school with a temperature and will not be well.

If your child has taken a COVID-19 test and is off school for 3 days, but remaining well, staff will endeavour to provide some remote education for your child in line with update guidance.

New and updated UKHSA guidance for the general population, which will also be relevant to education and childcare settings, includes:

- [guidance for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19, or a positive test result for COVID-19](#)
- [living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19](#)
- [ventilation of indoor spaces to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections](#)
- [COVID-19 guidance for people whose immune system means they are at higher risk](#)

There is also additional guidance for those working in [health](#) and [social care](#) settings.

The COVID-19 specific guidance for schools is not incorporated with [wider health protection advice from the advice](#) from the UK Health Protection Agency.

Whilst I provide this update, I recognise that with high levels of infection locally, and nationally, that this continues to be a worrying time and uncertain time for many and want to reassure you all that we will continue to support the children and families we serve as best we can.

Importantly, we ask for your continued support in following our absence policy and if your child is unwell and unable to come to school, **that you call the school office on 01823 442832.**

With thanks and best wishes

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