

# WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the announcement from the government and further guidance released by the DFE last week we would just like to clarify the following points in relation to staff and students at Walpole Cross Keys Primary School.

From Thursday 24 February, the Government has removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test.

The government advises adults and children who test positive 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. If a child has any of the main symptoms a test should be ordered and they are advised to stay at home while waiting for the results. The public health advice remains unchanged.

For further information please visit: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/21/what-the-latest-advice-on-testing-and-self-isolation-means-for-education-settings/>

Staff are no longer required to complete twice weekly lateral flow tests and we are removing the requirement to wear facemasks onsite for staff and visitors. The exception to this will be for any vulnerable members of staff/visitors, including any pregnant women. They would be welcome to continue wearing a face covering if they wish.

It is important that, with measures and regular asymptomatic testing being removed, we all continue to exercise caution. We may be required to reintroduce any of the above measures if cases or absences once again rise, under the direction of our local health team.

Thank you once again for your support over these past two years during the Covid pandemic.

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