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Dear Parents/Carers

Updated COVID Guidance – Friday 1st April 2022

From Friday 1st April 2022, free testing for the general public ends which means that LFT and PCR tests will no longer be available and there is no longer a requirement to take them. The new advice which has been provided states the following:-

- Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- **Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.**
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

This now means that children only need to stay at home if they are not well enough to be in school or have a high temperature, they can then return to school when they are feeling well enough. A LFT should not be taken and PCR will no longer be available.

We will, as with all sickness, monitor closely the number of absences from school and any patterns that may occur. If we suspect that a number of children become absent with similar symptoms, we would seek advice from Public Health England and West Sussex County Council.

Yours sincerely

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