

25th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing half-term despite the challenging weather arising from the storms.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday afternoon, the legal requirement to isolate if you have tested positive with COVID ended on Thursday 24th February and has now moved to people taking personal responsibility for managing COVID safely.

Under the 'Living with COVID' plan, the Department of Education have published the following information for schools:

"Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised 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 Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test results on consecutive days."

The earliest LFD tests should be taken on days 5 & 6 of the isolation period, the same as the current requirements, and if both of these days show as negative, the period of isolation ends. Your child should then return to school following these results as long as they no longer have a temperature.

The requirement to undertake LFDs for 7 days, if you are deemed to be a close contact, has also been removed and the supply of free LFDs is due to end on Friday, April 1st (our last day of this term).

If your child does test positive for COVID, please ensure that you inform the attendance team on 01582 870912 or attendance@stopseleyhighschool.co.uk

Due to the removal of the requirement to complete asymptomatic testing we will not receive any further deliveries of lateral flow tests; however, you will be able to access test kits from your local pharmacy or [online](#) up to Friday 1st April 2022.

Masks are no longer recommended to be worn, however if your child feels more comfortable wearing a face mask they can continue to do so.

As always we are grateful for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Karen Hand
Headteacher