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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the update in Government guidance on the 1st April 2022 we felt that it would be useful to write to all parents and carers to confirm what the updated guidance means for schools and students.

The Government will move away from deploying regulations and requirements in England and replace specific interventions for COVID-19 with public health measures and guidance. Please see the guidance linked below for further information. [People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19)

Covid symptom, testing and attendance Government guidance for students:

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. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

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.

DfE guidance on school attendance recording and coding:

In line with our transition to living with COVID-19, we no longer advise schools to record pupils who do not attend for reasons related to COVID-19 using Code X.

Where a pupil is not attending because they have symptoms of COVID-19 or have had a positive test, schools should record this using Code I (illness) unless another more appropriate code applies.

If you have any questions in regards to COVID 19, absence or attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school's main reception.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shaun Strydom', written in a cursive style.

Shaun Strydom
Principal