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Dear Parents/Carers,

Changes to Covid Protocols

Please be aware that in line with recently-issued Government guidance, there have been a number of changes to the school's established protocols which are outlined below.

Changes to Self - Isolation From Thursday 24th February 2022

The Government has removed the legal requirement to self isolate following a positive COVID-19 test. However, in order to minimise the risk of transmission in educational settings, **schools are still required to recommend** that staff and pupils who test positive stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **at least 5 full days** and then continue to follow this guidance until they have received **2 negative lateral flow test results on consecutive days**. This should be on Day 5 and Day 6 at the earliest.

It is therefore important that should your child test positive for COVID-19, they follow the guidance above and remain at home for the required period of isolation. If your child is well enough to access home learning, please contact the school and this can be provided. It will no longer be sent home automatically.

Furthermore, should your child feel ill and display any symptoms of COVID-19 (new consistent or continuous cough, temperature above 37.5 degrees or a loss/change of taste and/or smell), they should immediately book a PCR test. Currently the Cocks Crescent testing site behind Lidl offers walk-in tests (no need to book). You must report any positive tests to the school via admin@burlingtoni.org.uk

In line with the recommendations for schools, families are advised to maintain a limited stock of lateral flow tests in order to test on Day 5 and 6 as mentioned above. Latest information indicates that free test kits will also be available from local outlets, including pharmacies up until 1st April 2022.





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Our current measures to reduce the risk of transmission will continue as follows:

- Effective ventilation: we will endeavour to ensure that where practicable, windows and doors are left open
- Wearing of face coverings: parents, visitors and staff will be encouraged to continue to wear a face-covering in enclosed spaces. However, this will be down to personal choice.
- An enhanced cleaning schedule
- Frequent hand-washing and/or use of hand sanitiser

The school will continue to follow the advice provided by Public Health England and RBK (Local Authority) and will respond to any local outbreaks as advised. We are hopeful that the school's preventative approach going forward will continue to safeguard the whole school community.

As always, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation in these challenging times.

Best wishes,

Mrs S Yay-Walker
Headteacher

