

2nd March 2022

Dear Parents,

A less windy start to the term, if a little wet! This week also began with new arrangements for schools in terms of LFD testing, which I am sure most of you have gleaned from the press. However, I thought it would be useful to outline some key points for you:

- No requirement for students and staff to test using LFDs (previous expectation was for all to do so twice-weekly)
- If anybody exhibits any of the following symptoms – sore throat, persistent cough, high temperature – they should take a PCR test to establish whether they are positive or negative
- Anybody exhibiting symptoms should isolate until their result is known
- Current information suggests that there will be no testing available beyond 1st April 2022

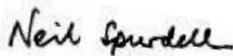
I appreciate that for some this will cause concern, but this is the guidance as laid out by the DfE for all schools to follow.

We will continue to monitor the numbers of cases reported to us and we still have a bank of LFD tests to distribute in the event that we have a concentration of positive results in any given tutor group. Students can then test daily for a period of 7 days for their own peace of mind. This will also help us limit any further outbreaks as far as possible.

We are also maintaining our enhanced programme of cleaning, including availability of sanitisers in every classroom and encouragement of the wiping down of desks; good ventilation of rooms and regular refreshing of the air into rooms will also remain. Face coverings and masks are no longer advised, but anybody can continue to wear one if they wish.

Further details for parents as outlined by the DfE can be found by following this link: [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges)

Yours faithfully,



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