

Eastlands Primary School

March COVID Update 2022

Hello,

COVID cases are plateauing across the country.

- * The Prime Minister is saying mandatory rules for COVID have been removed (a month earlier than expected). There is debate amongst the scientists around how safe this is. However, the pandemic is not over.
- * The Prime Minister announced his 'Strategy for living with COVID' on 21st February.
- * Whilst mandatory guidance on removing isolation may change the recommendations, as for any infectious disease, will still be in place.
- * In school we will follow UKHSA local guidance as schools remain 'a vector for transmission' Currently, we are being advised NOT to drop all mitigations.
- * School will keep families informed of outbreaks as you will need to consider the safety of clinically vulnerable and unvaccinated members of your family. It is expected that there will be further guidance for the clinically vulnerable coming out.
- * Furthermore, in light of these changes it is now unclear what a 'close contact' is. Hopefully there will be a clearer definition for this coming out soon too.
- * Please see:
- * <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/who-is-at-high-risk-from-coronavirus/>

Please help us by-

- ⇒ Not sending in your child if they are showing symptoms.
- ⇒ Continue with LFT's as these identify non-symptomatic cases.
- ⇒ Keep school informed of any positive tests.

In school we will continue with the following recommendations :-

- * **Please see next page**

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Eastlands COVID practice

- ◆ Please wear a face covering over nose and mouth at all times on the school site, including drop off and collection.
- ◆ Try to maintain 1m + distance at all times.
- ◆ Arrive just in time for school and remain distanced at the school gate and playground
- ◆ Use one-way system on site. It takes 1 minute to walk around the site.
- ◆ Families should consider making twice-weekly LFT testing (for both parents and children) part of their regular routine to help identify non-symptomatic positive cases within the school community and therefore reduce the spread of COVID-19. Free COVID testing will continue for the time being.
- ◆ If children are sent into school with any of these symptoms, we will consider sending them home again.
- ◆ **These key symptoms are recent onset of:**
 - ◇ new continuous cough and/or
 - ◇ high temperature and/or
 - ◇ a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)
- ◆ Remain vigilant if your child is unwell in any way. If your child develops one or more of the main COVID-19 symptoms irrespective of how mild, please consider isolation.
- ◆ Guidance from the Government will be advising that anyone with symptoms should not go to work. Of course each workplace will have their own guidance too.
- ◆ Be aware of the range of lesser-known symptoms of COVID-19 (headache, sore throat, fatigue, muscle aches, blocked/runny nose, diarrhoea and vomiting) which are, in fact, some of the more common symptoms that we are currently seeing in children in school who have then gone on to test positive.
- ◆ Traveling abroad advice can be found here:-
- ◆ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-abroad-from-england-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Please continue to keep us informed of any positive or suspected positive COVID-19 cases within your household via admin2415@welearn365.com.

Thank you for following this advice and your commitment to keeping the number of cases in school as low as possible.