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20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to update you on the latest on Covid-19 precautions, and to provide a reminder of the actions to take should your child have Covid.

### **If your child develops Covid symptoms**

If your child develops Covid symptoms (a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell) they should go for a PCR test. You can request a free PCR test here: [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)

### **If your child receives a positive LFD or PCR result**

If your child receives a positive PCR result or a positive lateral flow test result (whether they have symptoms or not) they must isolate.

The Government have reduced the time people must self-isolate. People who are self-isolating can stop after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature.

- The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6.
- If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation.
- All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

The latest guidance on what action to take can be found at: [When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

### **Face coverings – Secondary only**

The Government have announced that from Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January it is no longer recommending that secondary students and staff wear a face covering in

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classrooms, and that from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January it is no longer recommending that face coverings are worn in communal areas.

At every Oasis academy, students and staff safety is the priority. We have many precautions in place at our school and the option to wear a face covering continues to play an important part in reducing transmission.

We will therefore continue to encourage all staff and secondary students (who are not medically exempt) to wear a face covering in classrooms and communal areas as they help reduce the risk for everyone. We do however recognise that this is now a personal choice.

Please remember that wearing a face covering in communal areas is still mandatory until Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

Whilst the option to wear a face covering in classrooms is now a personal choice, we reserve the right to mandate their usage where necessary (as a result of a local outbreak) and in line with our hierarchy of controls.

### How to keep your family and others safe

Below is the [NHS's advice to keep everyone as safe as possible](#).

- get vaccinated against COVID-19 – everyone aged 12 and over can [book vaccination appointments](#) now. Please note that the vaccine booster is now available for all those aged 16 and over.
- meet people outside if possible
- open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- limit the number of people you meet and avoid crowded places
- wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day

All the latest information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>. Please remember that if your child is not well, that they should not come to school.

Thank you for your continued support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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