



BORDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Borden Grammar School
Avenue of Remembrance
Sittingbourne
ME10 4DB

23 February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you are aware by now that the Covid guidance has changed again and I thought it useful to write to you to confirm what this means for our community. We have received the following guidance from the DfE regarding the changes,

“From Monday 21 February, the Government removed the guidance for staff and students in most education and childcare settings to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing”. From Thursday 24 February, the Government will also remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days”.

In addition, the Government will:

- No longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and remove the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.
- End routine contact tracing. Contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests. Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual.
- After 1st April, there will be no further free tests available automatically and Borden will no longer be supplied with testing kits from 1st April **unless** there is an outbreak in our setting (as approved by Director of Public Health/ Local authority). However you can still obtain LFT test kits free until 1st April from pharmacies or online via <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

The full Government response can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19>

If your child has a confirmed positive test for Coronavirus can you please report the absence to the Attendance officers in the same way that you would a normal absence.

It is also important to remember that whilst infection rates are dropping, they remain in the hundreds and infection still impacts upon health and attendance. We will therefore continue to regularly risk assess the situation in school, monitoring any changes and adjusting our approach accordingly. We will also continue to ventilate classrooms and monitoring CO2 levels, whilst wearing face coverings will continue to be voluntary for any student in school.



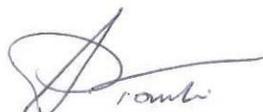
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Finally, a reminder below of our uniform rules, and to advise that any branded item (Nike, Adidas), including Nike Airforce shoes, is not permitted in school:
<https://www.bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk/information/uniform>

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashley Tomlin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ashley Tomlin
Headteacher