Westfields Infant School

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Dear Parents,

The Government has set out the <u>next steps for living with COVID-19</u> in England from Friday 1 April and I am writing to tell you about the new guidance we have received from the DfE as a result of this. As you are probably aware, the universal testing offer ends today other than for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff. The updated guidance advises that:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is 3 days

We have also received confirmation that anyone who is already self-isolating can transfer to these timings from today, which means that there is no longer a requirement to test on day 5/6 to return to school.

From Monday we will no longer be providing home learning.

If you have any queries relating to this information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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