

CORONA UPDATE

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Dear Parents and guardians,

The quarantine advice for children aged 0-17 has changed:

Children no longer need to quarantine if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid. **This only applies if your child does not have any symptoms.** All children with symptoms are required to do a self-test or PCR and may come to school if it is negative.

4B and 5A children who are symptom free may attend school tomorrow. 6A children are reminded that they should all be self testing twice a week and so with a negative test may return to school tomorrow.

The government advice is that children in Groups 6 and 7 should continue to self test twice a week and to continue wearing a face mask.

A class no longer needs to be sent home in the case of 3 or more infections. This could mean that a part of the class will be in school and some of the class at home. Within our board it has been decided that our focus will be on education and learning in school. This means that we will not provide online learning for children at home when the rest of the class is at school.

With the relaxing of the quarantine rules we will do our best to provide continued learning at school. However, it may still happen that a teacher is ill or tests positive, and if we are not able to provide substitution we switch to online learning for that class, providing the teacher is well enough. I am sure you appreciate that finding substitution at this time is very difficult.

In summary:

- * Students with a positive test: Stay home for 7 days after which you must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- * Students with a positive parent/sibling/classmate without symptoms: Do not need to quarantine and they can come to school. Parents monitor their child's health and we advise parents to have their child tested. For Groups 6 & 7: self testing twice a week and wearing a face mask in school is recommended.
- * Students with symptoms: stay home and do a self test, if it is negative they may come to school. If it is positive they get a PCR test at GGD, and remain at home until you have the results. If negative, they can come back to school. If positive: read above

Kind Regards

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