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## Updated COVID-19 guidance

Dear Parents and Carers,

New guidance has been released by the government as part of their 'living with COVID' plan. The changes take effect from today.

From today, there is an end to free COVID-19 testing for most people. This includes both lateral flow and PCR tests. Instead, people with symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, and a high temperature or those who 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. The advice to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people is to protect others from infections, viruses, and further illness.

Free symptomatic testing will only remain in place for particular groups who will have already been made aware (for example, the most recent extremely clinically vulnerable list). For this group and for adults who do access a test, the guidance remains in place to advise to stay at home for five days. For under 18s who access a test, the advice is to stay at home for three days.

The final update is that during the Easter holidays, [vaccines will be made available for children aged over 5 years old](#).

If there is any further information released from the government or from Calderdale Public Health I will share it promptly. The removal of free testing for most people and the advice to 'resume normal activities when you feel well enough' is a large shift in policy and practice. I am sure that our community will continue to keep each other safe and continue looking out for each other.

Many thanks, as always, for your endless support with our COVID measures in school and with this updated guidance moving forwards.

Best wishes,



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Principal