



Westfield Arts College



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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID guidance update

We have today received updated COVID guidance from the DfE relating to national changes tomorrow 1st April. From tomorrow there will be no further access to free LFD test kits, including for special schools. This means that we are not able to order further test kits for distribution. The kits that were distributed recently are the last you will receive from us.

From tomorrow:

- Regular, twice weekly asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended and therefore we will not receive any test kits
- The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) will publish new guidance. Most of the COVID-19 guidance for education settings will be withdrawn on Friday 1st April.

New guidance for those who feel unwell or test positive for COVID-19 is as follows:

- 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 will be 3 days

The DfE state:

The population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections, thanks to the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk.

Despite these changes, we will remain vigilant and continue to promote good hygiene standards.

With best wishes

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