



# Tenterfields Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you enjoyed a great half term and we look forward to seeing the children return for the second half of the Spring Term.

As you will be aware, on Monday 21st February, the Government announced that the domestic legal restrictions implemented in response to COVID-19 are coming to an end.

I am therefore writing to update you on what this will mean for your child and the measures we have in place at the school to help limit transmission.

## Regular asymptomatic testing

- The Government has removed guidance for staff and students in most education and childcare settings to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing. Of course, if you have access to test kits and would like to continue testing then you are welcome to, but this is no longer an expectation.
- If there needs to be a return to more regular lateral flow testing, for example because of an outbreak in school or high community transmission, we will be advised when to do so by our local public health teams.

## Self-isolation and contact-tracing

- From Thursday 24th February, the Government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. However, adults and children who test positive are still advised to stay at home (and therefore not attend school) and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days. They should then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.
- The Government will no longer ask close contacts of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 who are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days. Routine contact tracing will also end.
- From April, the Government will update the guidance to outline the ongoing steps that people with COVID-19 should take to be careful and considerate to others. This is likely to be similar to advice on other infectious diseases.



A number of precautionary measures will still remain in place in school, including ensuring that classrooms and communal areas have sufficient ventilation, and that there continues to be regular hygiene and cleaning processes in place.

As always, we will continue to follow guidance from the Government, Public Health England and our local health protection teams. Therefore, it may be the case that some safety measures need to be temporarily reinstated depending upon school or local community circumstances. We will keep you fully informed if this becomes necessary.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch and thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Buffery', written in a cursive style.

Lisa Buffery

Executive Headteacher