



Lea Nursery School

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COVID 19/ILLNESS CHANGES AT A GLANCE

From 24 February the Government has (taken from DfE guidance):

- Removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.
- Removed the guidance for staff and students in most educational settings and childcare settings to undertake twice weekly asymptomatic testing
- No longer asked fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and removed the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.
- Ended routine contact tracing. Contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests.

From 1 April, the Government will:

- Remove the current guidance on voluntary COVID-status certification in domestic settings and no longer recommend that certain venues use the NHS COVID Pass.
- Update guidance setting out the ongoing steps that people with COVID-19 should take to minimise contact with other people. This will align with the changes to testing.
- No longer provide free universal symptomatic and asymptomatic testing for the general public in England.
- Remove the health and safety requirement for every employer to explicitly consider COVID-19 in their risk assessments.

How does this affect my child?

- Your child will hopefully see a further return to 'normal' with OUR return to school trips and visits, and in time parent events on site.

However, **it is important to note that Covid and other illnesses have not gone away** and they remain a threat to everyone in our community. Lea Nursery asks our parents to remain vigilant in guiding their children towards 'safe behaviours' (washing hands regularly, taking a Covid test if you have symptoms etc) to ensure the nursery school can remain open and face to face teaching can be our priority. Lea Nursery will maintain its cleaning programme, and will ensure that our nursery environment is ventilated appropriately and children continue to be asked to sanitise their hands regularly. Please ensure that you do not send your child to school if they are unwell. A temperature over 37.5 is considered an indication that a child is unwell and fighting some form of illness.

Many Thanks for your continued support

Linda Stay – Headteacher