

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing with a brief update following the latest Government guidance issued during the half term holiday and to thank you for your support of the school in managing the further changes to advice over the last few months.

As you will be aware, the Government is lifting the remaining Covid-19 restrictions in England including removing the guidance for staff and students in secondary schools to undertake twice weekly asymptomatic testing with effect from 21 February 2022.

The Government has reinforced the general steps we can all take at home and at school to reduce the risk of catching and spreading Covid-19:

- Get vaccinated.
- Ensure rooms are well-ventilated
- Wear a face covering in crowded, enclosed spaces.
- Get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms and stay at home if you are positive.

What does this mean for schools and our students?

Please click the [link](#) for the latest guidance for schools.

- We will continue to promote good hygiene and adequate ventilation in school;
- Anyone showing the main symptoms of COVID-19 should order a PCR test (<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>) and stay at home until they have a conclusive test result.
- Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 should stay at home for a minimum of 5 days, testing from day 5 until they have two consecutive negative test results.
- Students can return to school on day 6, if they have had negative test results (on days 5 and 6) and they are not registering a high temperature.
- A positive test on either day 5 or 6 and a high temperature means that students should remain at home until two consecutive tests show negative up to Day 10. Students can return to school after Day 10 even if they are still testing positive.

A reminder of the symptoms to look out for:

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are still a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

National guidance and local Public Health advice asks parents to consider any 'cold or flu-like' symptoms as a reason to book out a test.

Thank you again, on behalf of our wider Rossett community, for your continued support with these measures.

Yours sincerely

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