



COVID-19 Update, April 2022

Dear parent/ carer,

I hope that you all enjoyed a lovely Easter holiday. During the break, the rules regarding COVID-19 changed once again. I know that these ever-changing rules can leave parents with questions regarding sickness absence. Many schools are interpreting the rules from the Government and the UKHSA differently, so this letter is designed to clarify requirements regarding sickness absence at Horncastle Primary. As always, any decisions we make are in the best interests of the education, health and safety of our children and community. These decisions have been made in line with UKHSA guidance and with the support of Wellspring Academy Trust.

<p>We are looking forward to welcoming children back to school</p> 	<p>It is expected that all children return to school and attend school every day unless they are unwell.</p> <p>There is no longer a need for pupils or staff to complete LFD tests and these will no longer be given out to pupils at school.</p>
<p>What should my child do if someone in our household has Covid or my child has had close contact with someone outside of the household who has covid?</p> 	<p>There is no longer a need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of your household has Covid or you have had contact with anyone who has Covid.</p>

When should my child stay off school and remain at home?



Your child can still attend school with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough.

Your child should stay off school and remain at home if they are unwell and have a high temperature. Where possible they should avoid contact with other people whilst they have a high temperature but they can return to school when they no longer have a temperature and feel well enough.

If your child develops a temperature during the school day you will be asked to make arrangements to come and collect them and will need to follow the guidance above.

If your child has a positive COVID-19 test result they should stay at home for 3 days after the day they took the test. This is to reduce the risk of passing the infection on to others.

I hope that this helps to answer any questions that you may have following the changes to the guidance. If you do have any further questions, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Cox
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