

4th March 22'

Re: Covid Update - March 22'

Dear Park Lane Family,

We hope that you are all keeping well and had a lovely break with your families. As you may be aware, there has been some changes to the Government self-isolation guidelines for Covid. After two long years, it is wonderful that we are edging closer to a life without Covid restrictions, although as a community, we must be mindful that this does elicit different responses in those around us and be respectful of this.

The DfE wrote to schools sharing information which we have included in this letter as an attempt to be as transparent and open with you, as promised:

Changes to self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts

The Government will remove the legal requirements 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.

In addition, the Government will:

- No longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and remove the legal requirements for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.*
- Staff, children and young people should attend their educational settings as usual. This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home.*

You will see that the advice is for people who have Covid to remain at home for at least 5 full days, and then follow the guidance until they have received two negative lateral flows on consecutive days. Although these are now guidelines rather than legal requirements, we hope that Family will choose to adhere to these guidelines. This will help to ensure that we keep our entire Park Lane Family as safe as possible. As mentioned, members of our family will feel differently about the changes to restrictions therefore, if you would like to continue wearing a mask on school grounds, you are absolutely able to do so.

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Changes at Park Lane

We wanted to address some changes that have happened within school with regards to the changes in guidelines:

Assemblies

We are thrilled to announce that we have reverted back to full school assemblies in our school hall. Our Griffins have certainly missed coming together as one school Family for our First News, Singing and Values assemblies.

Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Collection

We must express our sincerest of thanks to our Family for adhering to our one-way system: it has most definitely played a pivotal role in keeping our Family safe during this time. With that in mind, we are going to welcome families to use either the entrance or exit gate for collection/drop off: we do request that our Family be respectful of personal space when operating through the gateways and this will be monitored to ensure for the safety of all. As of Monday, both of the gates will open at 8:45-9:05 for the drop off and then at 3:15 for the collection and you are able to operate through them at whichever is most convenient to yourself.

As always we thank you, in advance, for your cooperation, understanding and kindness during this time. Should you need to discuss any of the contents mentioned in this letter, do not hesitate to contact us, as we will be happy to support.

Yours sincerely,



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