

St Martin's C of E Primary School

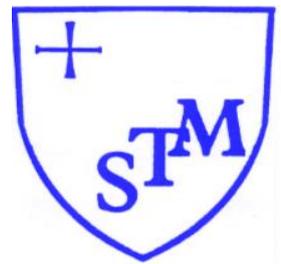
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Dear parents/carers,

Following on from the government's latest Covid-19 announcements, I wanted to update you on the mitigations being put in place in our school to keep your child safe and share the government's new process for isolation.

School mitigations

We continue to work to keep your child safe in our setting through the following measures:

- All adults wearing masks in communal spaces indoors (this does not include classrooms)
- Good hand hygiene procedures in place
- Classrooms are being regularly ventilated through open windows. CO2 monitors are in place to support the monitoring of this
- In-person group gatherings such as assemblies have been suspended and will be reviewed in 2 weeks
- Other measures such as entrances, exits, break and lunch times will remain the same until further notice

Of course, any future announcements from the government may mean we need to change things. Should this happen, we will write to you to update you again.

New isolation rules

New rules for isolation have been announced and details are available on the NHS website: [When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do-coronavirus-covid-19) . Most rules remain the same, however the following has been changed:

From the NHS website:

"If you test positive, your self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day you had the test, if you did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. You may need to self-isolate for longer if you get symptoms while self-isolating or your symptoms do not go away. You may also be able to leave self-isolation after 7 days if certain conditions are met. Read more about [how long to self-isolate](#)."

To summarise the website, if you are not experiencing symptoms on day 6 and 7 of your isolation and you have had negative lateral flow tests on days 6 and 7, then you can finish your isolation after day 7. The flow chart on the reverse of this letter is a useful reference point.

If you are ever unsure or need advice, please call the school office: 0121 557 1543

Mr Seex



