



Wednesday 4th May 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you to update you on the 'Living with Covid Plan' as outlined by the Government on 1st April and how this affects attendance at school going forward.

The guidance has now changed and Covid has been listed as a respiratory illness just like the common cold or the flu. This means all testing for covid (unless you are in a vulnerable category or work for the NHS and have been requested to do so) has stopped. The Government has also withdrawn any Covid guidelines for educational settings.

At Ellis Guilford School we are continuing to reduce the risk of transmission of all diseases and respiratory conditions by:

- Ventilating classrooms and shared spaces
- Maintaining high standards of hygiene through hand washing and sanitising
- Supporting the wearing of face coverings in communal spaces should individuals wish to wear them
- Highlighting the importance of being vaccinated against Covid-19 and flu

There are also changes to the guidance about children staying at home when they become unwell with covid symptoms or positive tests. Schools no longer authorise isolation periods for routine or positive home test kits, instead:

- Children who are not well enough to attend school and have a high temperature should stay at home and return to school when better. This absence is not automatically authorised and as with any illness medical evidence is requested
- If a child has had a hospital covid test and this is positive, they should isolate for 3 full days and then return to school. Again proof may be requested of this.
- Children living with a person who has tested positive should continue to attend school.



Attendance at School is a legal requirement for all children. Education Welfare will work to support all those below 90% in improving attendance. As a school we operate daily communication to discuss and support improved attendance and welcome parents and carers to contact us via the school app, phone and email or come into school and meet with us. We are here to help.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Chambers

Acting Vice Principal