



# Knowsley Council

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Dear Parent / Carer

As you will know, the Prime Minister announced the Government's plans for living with COVID-19 last week.

From last week, regular testing in schools is no longer required and from Thursday 24 February, the remaining restrictions have been lifted meaning there is no longer a legal requirement to self-isolate.

However, for the protection of staff and other pupils, we are advising that if your child tests positive, they should remain at home until they have had two negative lateral flow tests from day 5 onwards. Like any illness, if your child feels unwell, they should not come into school. Free testing kits are available until 31 March 2022 and you are encouraged to continue to use them.

COVID-19 hasn't gone away, and our advice is to continue with the behaviours which we have become accustomed to. We know these measures work. Remember:-

- Vaccination offers the best defence against the virus. It's not too late to get vaccinated and you can find out where to get vaccinated by visiting [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus-vaccine](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus-vaccine), ring 119 or contact your GP.
- If you have symptoms or feel unwell, minimise your contact with others and stay at home if you can.
- Continue with regular hand washing.
- Maintain good ventilation and open windows regularly in indoor settings.
- Wear a face covering in crowded spaces.

Thank you once again for your continued support over what has been two very challenging years.

Hopefully now we can take steps to get back to normality which I am sure you will all welcome.

Yours faithfully

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