

24 February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers



Re: Updated Covid Guidance

On Monday, the Prime Minister announced some changes to guidance as part of the government's Living with Covid plan. A summary of these changes is below:

- **Testing** - The recommendation to perform twice weekly Covid tests has been dropped as of Monday 21 February 2021. However, LFD test kits are still available to students, for the time being, should you choose to do so. There are no plans to provide any additional test kits for schools at the moment. If your child does develop symptoms then you should confirm a positive case of Covid 19 with an LFD test.
- **Isolation** - From Thursday 24 February the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test will be removed. However, the government strongly recommends that people with a positive test result continue to isolate for at least 5 days and end isolation with two negative test results on consecutive days. **The Minerva Learning Trust fully expects all students and staff to follow this guidance and will not permit entry to the school site from any students or staff who are knowingly positive as this poses a significant risk to others.** Remote learning will continue to be provided for all students isolating due to a positive Covid test.
- From 24 February, there will be no requirement for anyone to isolate should they be a close contact with a positive case, whether fully vaccinated or not, and routine NHS contact tracing will cease.

This guidance is in place until 1 April 2022 after which the government's current plan is to end most free Covid-19 testing. Further guidance on how positive cases will be identified after this date and what isolation, if any, will be recommended will be published nearer the time.

We no longer ask that students, adults and visitors wear face coverings in any part of the school. However, anyone wishing to wear a face covering may continue to do so.

All of this guidance is subject to change with local public health guidance should there be an outbreak of change to the current infection rate.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Parker'.

Mr N Parker
Headteacher