



Clipstone Brook Lower School

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Welcome Back/ Updated Information from Public Health

Dear Parent and Carer,

It was great to see the children happy and settled yesterday. We all very much hope that we can continue learning in school this term and get back to a more 'normal' routine. At this moment in time, we are keeping our current safety control measures in place. As the country moves along the roadmap, we will then review what we do and any decisions will be made to reflect guidance from the Department of Education (DfE). We will write to you later about the ways in which we will be able to implement summer term events such as sports day, parent consultations and Year 4 leaver activities to name just a few. We do hope to do as much as possible.

We have been advised by Central Bedfordshire Public Health to inform you about the following information:

To reflect updated guidance, the flowcharts produced by Central Bedfordshire Public Health have been refreshed. The flowchart now details the process to follow in relation to symptomatic PCR testing and asymptomatic LFD testing, (please see the updated flowchart and self-isolation Q&As attached to this letter)

Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing in Primary school aged pupils

Primary aged pupils and children in nursery settings are not included in the rapid asymptomatic testing programme.

Advice from Public Health England (PHE) is that there are currently limited public health benefits to testing primary-aged pupils with LFDs. In addition, primary-aged pupils, particularly younger children, may find the LFD testing process unpleasant and are unable to self-swab.

The DfE is advising that primary-aged pupils should only be tested if they are symptomatic, in which case their families should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and [book a PCR test](#) for the child.

Face coverings in schools and colleges to remain in place

The government has confirmed that [face coverings](#) should continue to be worn in secondary school and college classrooms as a precautionary measure when students return after the Easter break.

It is expected that face coverings will no longer be required to be worn in classrooms, or by students in other communal areas, at Step 3 of the roadmap, which will be no earlier than Monday 17 May 2021.

Please note that we are still advising that all adults who come onto our school site still wear a face covering unless they are medically exempt. Please note that this includes adults who are outside as part of drop-off and pick-up arrangements. We do hope to review this as part of the Step 3 roadmap.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Reay
Headteacher