



The Cedar School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Cedar – COVID-19 Response

You will, no doubt, be aware from the news that the government has lifted all national 'Plan B' Covid-19 restrictions. This includes the removal of the requirement to wear face masks. The government is also encouraging schools to return much more towards 'normality'.

The legal requirement for anyone who tests positive for Covid-19 to self-isolate currently remains as does the need for anyone who is a close contact to take daily lateral flow tests for seven days but this will all be reviewed shortly.

As a school we are, obviously, required to adhere to the law and therefore we are removing the requirement for anybody to wear a face mask in school or in the school grounds. At the same time, anyone is welcome to wear a face mask if they wish. We are asking everyone to respect each other's choices.

We have also been in touch with Public Health who say that, even as a special school, we must adhere to the government rules for all schools.

We are, therefore, planning, gradually and safely, to lift some of the restrictions which we have had in school about mixing and other opportunities but we will take one step at a time in a safe and measured way. **Our priority at all times is to keep every child and every adult in our school family as safe as we possibly can.**

Given the high number of positive Covid-19 cases which we had in school last week, I must be honest that we have struggled to get our heads around the latest government changes but we appreciate the bigger picture and understand the government's view that Covid-19 now needs to become a virus which we manage alongside 'normal' daily life. It is, though, a huge shift in mind-set ... and we appreciate that everyone will respond to this in different ways depending on their own experiences and views.

What Do You Need To Do?

- If your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the working week, please phone the school office to let us know and ensure that your child self-isolates, following the national rules.
- If your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the weekend or school holiday, please phone our out of hours mobile - **07843858769** - to let us know and ensure that your child self-isolates, following

The Cedar School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and young people. It expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to the school to share and embrace this commitment.

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the national rules. Please note that this phone may not be answered immediately but, if you leave your name, contact details and a message, we will get back to you.

- Please can we also ask all families to check your emails for messages from school each day at weekends and in holidays (please also check the spam box!) just in case we need to send an email. If, for example, a close contact of your child had tested positive, we would send you a message about the need for your child to take daily lateral flow tests for seven days.

I am truly sorry that this all sounds so complicated. We are simply wanting to keep everyone informed, everyone as safe as we can and to ensure that we comply with all legal requirements.

Above all, we hope that no one suffers from Covid-19.

Thank you as always,
Neil, Cesia and the whole Cedar team



Neil Revell
Headteacher

