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21st April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the changes to the COVID-19 regulations from 1st April 2022, I thought it would be useful to summarise the current arrangements and changes:

- The school continues to promote good hygiene and ventilation throughout the site
- The school follows all Department for Education guidelines and will continue to monitor and implement any relevant changes to these guidelines
- We have stopped reporting the daily COVID-19 cases data as this is no longer required
- We have removed all COVID-19 arrangements information from the school website

From 1st April 2022, these are the arrangements for students with regards to illness and a positive COVID-19 test:

- Unless a child or adult is classed as medically high risk, they should not test anymore.
- If your child is unwell see the actions below

General respiratory guidance – no COVID test / Students – no test result

Feeling unwell - High temperature

- If a student has a high temperature and is unwell they should stay at home and avoid contact with others
- Students should only return to school when high temperature has gone and they are feeling well enough for school
- If they do not have a high temperature and feel well enough, then they should return to school

Feeling unwell – No high temperature

- If a student feels unwell but has no temperature, it is the job of the parent/carers to decide if the student attends school or not, as per pre-COVID
- If they feel unwell but able to attend school then they can do so
- If they feel unwell and don't feel they can attend school, then they should stay at home until they feel well enough to return to school
- For Diarrhoea and Vomiting cases, students should stay at home and follow NHS guidance to reduce transmission in school, as per pre-COVID

COVID – positive test result / Students – positive test result

- Try to isolate at home and avoid others for three days
- After three days, if students have a high temperature or feel unwell, try to follow the above guidance until they do not have a high temperature and feel well enough to return to school

Remote Learning Provision – Culcheth High School

The temporary provisions in the Coronavirus Act 2020 expired on 24 March 2022. As a result the statutory requirement for schools to provide remote education is no longer in place.

DfE Providing Remote Education: Guidance for Schools (30/3/22)

The priority should always be for schools to deliver high-quality face-to-face education to all students. Remote education should **only ever** be considered as a short-term measure and as a last resort where in person attendance is not possible.

Attendance is mandatory for all students of compulsory school age. Schools should consider providing remote education to students in circumstances when in-person attendance is either not possible or contrary to government guidance.

This might include:

- occasions when school leaders decide that it is not possible for their setting to open safely, or that opening would contradict guidance from local or central government
- occasions when individual students, for a limited duration, are unable to physically attend their school but are able to continue learning, for example students with an infectious illness

In these circumstances, students should have access to remote education as soon as reasonably practicable, though in proportion to the length of absence and disruption to their learning.

Following this guidance, Culcheth High School will return to the pre-COVID arrangements for student absence and work set for students. In effect, any absence by a student of less than five days will mean that the student will take responsibility for catching up the missed work when they return to school with the support of teaching staff. For any absence longer than five days that meets the requirements above, work can then be set by using our remote learning principles through parental contact with your son/daughter's Progress Leader as per the arrangements prior to COVID.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support with the ever changing guidance and arrangements. As ever, if things change I will endeavour to communicate them with you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



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