



St James'
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
ACADEMY

Monday 28th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable half term break.

Following the latest Government announcements last week about changes to Covid-19 guidance, I am just writing with a few updates regarding changes to school life.

Face Coverings, Health & Hygiene

You may have already noticed that staff are no longer wearing face coverings on the playground or around the school. However, we will be continuing to ensure the children follow regular hand washing routines and windows will be vented in all rooms.

School Collective Worship

We are delighted that we will once again be able to join together in the hall for our daily collective worship, including our hymn singing in preparation for our Easter celebrations. Further details to follow regarding these at a later date.

Testing and Self Isolation

People with symptoms should still take a test and until 1 April, while not a legal requirement, the government still advises people who test positive to stay at home. Adults and children who test positive are strongly advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow this guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. In order to protect our school community, please can I ask that you continue to be vigilant to the signs and symptoms, test promptly and follow the self isolating guidance as requested?

Should any of these arrangements need to be changed, I will ensure that you are made aware of this and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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