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Dear Parents,

I cannot believe we are at the end of the Spring Term; it has been a busy one but brilliant to be getting 'back to normal' with children loving all of their experiences and trips.

I want to say a HUGE thank you to each and every member of our school community for the support with our measures over the past two years. We have all had some challenges in this time, and the actions have enabled us to keep as many children in face-to-face education as possible. We are pleased that we are now able to move towards a new approach and having parents join us outdoors for the Easter Bonnet Parade was such a joy.

In this letter, I wanted to update parents with how we are moving to 'Living with Covid' as part of the national plans. We have met as a Trust Team, attended UKSHA webinar and read the Government information. This is now about seeing Covid as a Respiratory Illness, so when we return for the Summer Term, we will use these guides:

- Anyone with a high temperature, or who is not well enough to be in school, should stay at home until well.
- You do not need to test children and access to free tests has ended.
- If your child does have a positive test result (if you have LFTs still at home and chose to test), they need to stay at home for 3 days. They do not need to 'test to release' and if they are well and no longer have a high temperature, they can return.
- There is no longer a need for face coverings
- We will continue to exercise good hand hygiene, good respiratory hygiene (with coughs and sneezes and 'catch it, bin it, kill it approach' and ensure rooms are not stuffy, with good ventilation.
- We will no longer be having a staggered start to the day. **Gates will open at 8.30 and parents will drop their children at the same gates they are using now, and we will continue to be out greeting the children. All gates will close at 8.45, ready for registration.**
- **To dismiss children at home time and ensure everyone is safely delivered to their grown ups, we will have EYFS to Y2 dismissed at 2.50pm with Y3-6 dismissed at 3pm. Again, all children will use the same gates.**

We know the impact that lockdowns and isolation has had and can see the real benefit of these new, national measures.

There are some great short videos on the national approach, should families wish to watch/ see the guidance themselves. [Living with Covid - Next Steps for Education and Childcare Settings Webinar - YouTube](#)



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[People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

## **Celebrating Easter**

This week, we were delighted to have 2 events to celebrate this season in the Christian Calendar. Pupils (and parents!) in Key Stage One, showed their creative skills with their own bonnets. It was lovely to welcome parents to the playground to see them parade and join in with 'Spring Chicken!'. Then on Wednesday, we had our KS2 service with Rev Sam and Rev Emma adding their messages in such fun and creative ways. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join online. The children loved being together in the hall and we are very much planning on getting back face to face worship with classes.

## **School Council Letters**

Last week, I shared how much the children were sending me their School Council Letters, this week I've been delighted to have even more! We look forward to sharing with you the next steps when we return from the Easter Break.

Once again, thank you for all your support as we work, as one, to support all of our pupils to love their learning and develop those skills to flourish in life. Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable Easter Break, and we'll see you all on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Academy