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## Newsletter 16

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have two very important updates for you today. If you could please take time to read through the letter, it would be much appreciated.

### Covid Guidance Update

Last week, the Prime Minister announced some changes to guidance as part of the Government's 'Living With COVID' plan – more details of which are here: [COVID-19 Response - Living with COVID19.docx \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk). It has taken some time to review the updated guidance alongside communications from the Local Authority, so apologies for the delay in sending a letter out to you.

As a school, we want to move forward optimistically while also doing everything we can to protect the health and safety of pupils and staff. This means that making some decisions about changes to how we operate in school will take longer than others. Some of the immediate changes (and things that will stay the same) are detailed below.

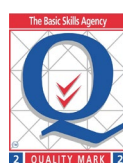
### What measures will stay the same at school?

In line with the latest Government guidance, the following things will remain as control measures and we will:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

### What do I do if my child develops COVID symptoms?

If your child does develop COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive with an LFD test, from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test has been removed. **However, the government strongly recommends that people with a positive test result continue to isolate for at least 5 days and end isolation with two negative test results on consecutive days from day 5 onwards.** We fully expect all pupils and staff to follow this guidance and remote learning will continue to be provided for all pupils isolating due to a positive COVID test from at least the second day of absence. Parents at Loxley have always been very co-operative in following non-statutory health guidance for other infectious diseases which is much appreciated and helps the whole school community.





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As before, we would be grateful if you would confirm any COVID test result with school so that we can make arrangements for remote learning for isolating pupils. If a pupil presents at school with COVID symptoms or has tested positive then we may refuse entry following an assessment and consideration of reasonable adjustments. **There is no requirement for anyone to isolate should they be a close contact with a positive case, whether fully vaccinated or not**, and routine NHS contact tracing has ceased.

## What will happen next?

On testing, I recommend families order COVID tests now before the service closes on April 1<sup>st</sup>. You can currently order tests for free using this link: [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

All of this guidance is subject to change with local public health guidance should there be an outbreak of change to the current infection rate. There will likely be other changes that come if things continue to improve and so please keep an eye out for further emails and texts over the coming weeks. As ever, thank you for your continued support.

## World Book Day and Charity Appeal

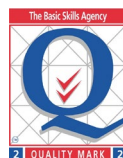
As you will be aware, we are having our World Book day on Friday. I know the children are already excited about it. It is such a fun occasion to promote the love of reading. Please remember that we are asking children to:

- Dress up as a character from a story
- Bring in a book they like a lot from home to share. (All books will be returned.)

Normally on dressing up days, we ask for a donation for the LSFA. However, with the very distressing news from Ukraine and since it is **World** Book Day, we want to help children suffering in that conflict who may not have much access to basic necessities never mind having books to read.

We are asking that every child dressing up brings either a donation in an envelope marked 'Ukraine Appeal' if possible or alternatively you are able to donate whatever you feel able to via our Just Giving page which you can find on our Facebook site.

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/loxley-primary?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=loxley-primary&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\\_term=28a2c712798b45299b0d681dcd48cd35&fbclid=IwAR0g\\_DixrnGAEKFGS42gNtfgFouuoiJ4R1sOYM1sxsHI6Chv5AHmdfupVvA](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/loxley-primary?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=loxley-primary&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=28a2c712798b45299b0d681dcd48cd35&fbclid=IwAR0g_DixrnGAEKFGS42gNtfgFouuoiJ4R1sOYM1sxsHI6Chv5AHmdfupVvA)





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All the money raised will go to **Save the Children**. We have calculated that it is approximately 1800 miles from Loxley to Ukraine and we wonder how far we can get to raising a pound for each mile. I know many staff want to donate to so who knows how much we will raise but please give what you feel able to.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

James Connolly



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