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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Changes to COVID-19 guidance for schools

I hope all families are safe and well and that you are looking forward to the Easter break. As you may have seen earlier this week, the government has set out the next steps for living with COVID-19 which come into effect from Friday 1 April.

The updated guidance now advises:

- adults with symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

The government's rationale behind the change in guidance is the population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections thanks to the success of the vaccination programme alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage the virus.

From 1 April, regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting and schools will no longer be supplied with testing kits for students or staff.

The COVID-19 guidance for schools, which we have been implementing for more than two years now, is also being withdrawn from 1 April. However, to avoid causing any unnecessary disruption during the last week of term, we have taken the decision as a Trust to continue with our current arrangements up to the Easter holidays. From Monday 25 April, following the updated government guidance:

- asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended.
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Thank you for your continued support, if you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school or email the Trust on [info@pmat.academy](mailto:info@pmat.academy).

Yours faithfully



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