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Dear Parents and Carers

Please find below updated information from B&NES Public Health, regarding the advice in place now that the majority of the population will not be eligible for free testing.

Living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19

On the 29th March, the government announced [new guidance effective from 1st April 2022](#) outlining free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available to help protect specific groups, when free testing for the general public ended on 1st April. The full statement by Sajid Javid, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, [can be read here](#). This includes details of those [groups still eligible for free testing](#). The majority of the population will not be eligible for free testing.

When to come into school:

- Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.
- Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

When to stay at home:

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a [high temperature](#) should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can return to the education or childcare setting when they **no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough**.
- Positive COVID-19 test result - if a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people **for 3 days after the day they took the test**. The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature.
- Where there is a confirmed or suspected case of an infectious illness, education settings can take the decision to refuse a child if, in their reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other children and staff from possible infection.

Close contacts

People are no longer advised to test if they are a contact of someone who has had a positive test result for COVID-19.

Covid-19 Vaccinations

From Saturday 2nd April, parents of children aged between 5 and 11-years-old are able to arrange for their child to receive a single dose of the coronavirus vaccine. Appointments for the child vaccine, as well as the second booster for older people and those who are vulnerable, can be booked online at www.nhs.uk or over the phone by calling 119.

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