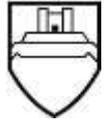




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Dear All

You may have heard that from 01.04.22 the government removed some COVID-19 restrictions and introduced new guidance as set out in its *Living with COVID-19 plan*.

Pupils are no longer expected to routinely test for COVID-19 to attend school.

If your child is unwell and has a high temperature they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people where they can. They can come back to school, when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. If a child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose or slight cough but are otherwise well they should continue to come to school.

From 01.04.22 children and young people aged 18 and under who have a positive COVID test are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **three** days.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

Our school will keep in place baseline infection and prevention and control measures to help manage the spread of infection. We continue to

- encourage pupils to take up the offer of the national vaccination programme including COVID-19 and flu
- ensure occupied spaces are well-ventilated and let fresh air in
- reinforce good hygiene practices such as hand-washing and cleaning

On 01.04.22, the in-school COVID-19 vaccination programme came to an end. However, 12 – 15 year olds can still access the vaccine outside of schools at a vaccination centre, pharmacy or walk in centre. Parents can book a [Covid-19 vaccination appointment online](#) or by speaking to their GP or calling 119.

Alternatively, they can find a [walk-in Covid-19 vaccination site](#).

From April healthy 5-11 year olds are also offered the COVID vaccine. Vaccinations take place outside of schools in vaccination centres, pharmacies, GPs and walk-in centres. Parents of 5-11 year olds will receive a letter from the NHS with further information. [Online bookings](#) for 5-11 year olds will open in April.

Wiltshire Council has also shared more general advice which you can read here - [COVID-19 restrictions removed and new guidance from Friday - Wiltshire Council](#)

Wiltshire Council is asking people to continue to be courteous of others with local case rates still high, by wearing a face covering in indoor crowded spaces, practising good hand and respiratory hygiene and continuing to stay at home if they are unwell to limit the transmission of all infectious diseases.

Free universal symptomatic and asymptomatic testing for the general public in England ended from 01.04.22. However, limited free COVID-19 testing for vulnerable groups and some health and social care workers continues to be made available nationally as per the government's policy. Wiltshire Council's seven lateral flow test collection sites have now closed as required through this national policy change.

Useful links:

There is more detailed guidance for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19 here - [People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

People can find out about getting their COVID-19 vaccination (including the recently announced additional booster) and more information at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/>

Guidance on infection prevention and control for seasonal respiratory infections including COVID-19: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-control>.

The latest Government announcement on the Living with COVID-19 plan: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-sets-out-next-steps-for-living-with-covid>.

Wiltshire Council won't be routinely publishing the latest local COVID-19 case numbers but the latest information can be found at <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/cases?areaType=ltla&areaName=Wiltshire>.

Thank you

Kay Bridson