



## BLACKMINSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

I have today received an email from the Department for Education, outlining the changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings from tomorrow (Friday 1st April).

Free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April, but schools will no longer be distributing free testing kits unless directed to do so by our local Public Health team.

I am told that updated guidance will advise:

- adults with the 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
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

Throughout the pandemic, staff and governors at Pebworth and Blackminster have taken a cautious and considered approach and have followed government guidance at all times. I'd like to thank parents and carers for their on-going understanding, support and kindness towards both schools.

Kind regards,

Linda McQuone  
Executive Headteacher

