



# FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Ms E Ellis BA, MA

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

Dear parents and carers

I am writing to update you on the arrangements for the end of term and to clarify our guidance around Covid.

## Reporting cases of Covid-19

In line with government guidance, whilst everyday life here at school is almost back to 'normal', the virus is still with us and we need to stay vigilant. I apologise if my letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> February gave the mistaken impression that students can attend school if they have tested positive with the virus. Please continue to follow government guidance as shown below:

*'There is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate, however if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.'*

*The following advice is for:*

- *people with any of the main symptoms of COVID-19*
- *people who have received a positive COVID-19 lateral flow device (LFD) or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test result*
- *people who live in the same household as, or who have had close contact with, someone who has COVID-19*

*This also applies to children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting.*

*Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days. You may choose to take an LFD test from 5 days after your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms) followed by another LFD test the next day. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, the risk that you are still infectious is much lower and you can safely return to your normal routine. [Report your LFD test results](#) after taking each test.'*

This guidance can be read in full at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

Please continue to report student absence in the usual way and let us know if your child tests positive for the virus. We do have test kits available if you need them; just let us know and we can help.

## Comic Relief 2022

Thank you for your support for Comic Relief 2022 last week. I am delighted to report that we raised more than £600 for the charity that is providing relief around the world and, particularly at this time, to all those affected by the war in Ukraine.

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## End of term arrangements

This term will end on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**. Students will be involved in special House activities during the morning and will be dismissed at **12.10pm**. The summer term will start at **8.30am on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April** and all students are expected to attend on time and in full uniform.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I wish you and your families a happy and peaceful Easter break.

Yours faithfully

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