

Principal: Mrs J Lowry-Johnson BA (Hons)

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Dear Parents / Carers,

There is a rise in cases again nationally and regionally. Whilst cases remain low at Ormiston Chadwick Academy, I would encourage you to continue testing where anyone in your household is displaying symptoms. I realise that when you have to pay for tests in April, this may become problematic for families and if support is needed then please do not hesitate to contact us if your child has symptoms and you cannot fund a box of lateral flow tests.

### Self-isolation and contact-tracing

- The Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. However, especially with the rise in cases, children who test positive are still advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days. They should then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.
- The Government no longer ask close contacts of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 who are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days. Routine contact tracing will also end.
- From April, the Government will once again update the guidance to outline the ongoing steps that people with COVID-19 should take to be careful and considerate to others. This is likely to be similar to advice on other infectious diseases.

A number of precautionary measures will still remain in place at the academy, including ensuring that classrooms and communal areas have sufficient ventilation, and that there continues to be regular hygiene and cleaning processes in place.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to discuss any of this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch and thank you again for all your support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. J Lowry-Johnson  
Principal