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Covid-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

April 2022

Q1. What is the Government's current strategy for managing the Covid-19 pandemic?

On 21st February, the Prime Minister announced in the House of Commons the Government's Covid-19 strategy i.e. '[Living with Covid-19](#)'.

Q2. Does the Academy have a Covid-19 Risk Assessment?

Yes. A risk assessment has been in place since March 2020, although from 24th March 2022, this has been incorporated into a general risk assessment.

Q3. Does the Academy have an Outbreak Management Plan?

Yes. This is required under the [Contingency Framework](#) and published on the Academy [website](#).

Q4. Have the symptoms of Covid-19 changed?

In April 2022, the NHS [Covid-19 Symptoms in Adults](#) and [Symptoms in Children](#) were updated. Adults and children who have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including Covid-19, should follow the [UKHSA Guidance](#).

Q5. What happens if a member of staff develops symptoms of Covid-19?

The Government's [Respiratory Infection Guidance](#) states the following:

'If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as Covid-19, and you have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to work or carry out normal activities, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until you no longer have a high temperature (if you had one) or until you no longer feel unwell'.

For recording purposes, from 19th April, the absence will be recorded as 'sickness'.

Q6. What happens if a member of staff tests positive for Covid-19?

There is no expectation or requirement that staff should test if they have symptoms. Where an individual chooses to test, and they test positive, the Government's [Respiratory Infection Guidance](#) states the following:

'If you have a positive Covid-19 test result, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test'.

For recording purposes, from 19th April, the absence will be recorded as 'sickness'.

Q7. What happens if a pupil develops symptoms of Covid-19?

The Government's [Respiratory Infection Guidance](#) states the following:

'Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend'.

For recording purposes, the absence will be recorded as 'Code I' (illness).

Q8. What happens if a pupil tests positive for Covid-19?

The Government's [Respiratory Infection Guidance](#) states the following:

'It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for Covid-19 unless directed to by a health professional. If a child or young person has a positive Covid-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test'.

For recording purposes, the absence will be recorded as 'Code I' (illness).

Q9. What is the situation regarding vaccination?

The Government's [Operational Guidance](#) states the following in respect to the Covid-19 vaccine:

'We recommend all school staff and eligible pupils take up the offer of a vaccine. You can find out more about the in-school vaccination programme in [Covid-19 Vaccination Programme for Children and Young People](#)'.