

# Plympton Academy

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Dear parents/carers

4th April, 2022

The Department for Education have set out new guidelines for education setting with key points as follows:

- Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education setting. Therefore, the Academy will no longer be able to provide test kits.
- 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 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 five days. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is three days.

We unfortunately continue to face difficulties in staffing levels and our ability to cover lessons at the Academy and as a last resort we may need to continue to send year groups home. Remote learning will continue to be provided through our learning portal, Google Classroom, and there is an expectation that students complete this at home in their homework booklets or other appropriate exercise book for that subject.

**This week, beginning 4th April 2022**, the Academy will be closed for the following year groups:

**Monday - Year 8**

**Tuesday - Year 9**

**Wednesday - Year 12/13** - The Academy is **open** for these year groups, however some lessons may not be covered and we expect the students to complete the independent work that will be set. Students are expected to attend the site as normal.

**Thursday - Year 10 (Year 10 Geography trip will go ahead as normal)**

If you feel your child is unable to remain safely at home we are able to provide a small area for students to complete their home learning.



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Please note that there will be an **early closure of the Academy on Friday 8th April (Calendar Amendment)** and students will be leaving the school site from 12.30pm-1pm to start their Easter break.

- If you require your child to remain on site until 3pm, please let the Academy know (call the main Academy number or email [enquiries@plympton.academy](mailto:enquiries@plympton.academy))
- Students on free school meals can collect their food at break
- We are currently liaising with transport providers and the departure times will be amended to the earlier time.

I am hoping that the levels of absence will ease as we move towards the summer term but in case of critical levels please note that the following days have been allocated for Academy closure if the need arises **with effect from Tuesday 26th April 2022:**

- **Monday Y9**
- **Tuesday Y10**
- **Wednesday Y7**
- **Thursday Y8**
- **Friday Y12/13**

I appreciate your patience and support in this matter. If you would like to discuss this matter further please do contact the academy on [enquiries@plympton.academy](mailto:enquiries@plympton.academy)

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Boorman', with a large loop at the end of the name.

**Lisa Boorman**  
**Principal**