



# WELLSPRINGS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Government update

You may be aware of yet another change to Covid guidance from the Government! The key

changes are outlined below from a recent online article (Schools Week). To see the full information go to: <https://schoolsweek.co.uk/weekly-covid-testing-scrapped.../>

*School pupils will only be advised to self-isolate for three days if they test positive for Covid-19 from Friday, under new government guidance published this week.*

*However, parents are being advised to keep children who are unwell with a high temperature at home until they get better.*

*The legal requirement to self-isolate was scrapped in late February, and since then children have been advised to follow the same guidance as adults, which was to isolate for at least five days. In an email to headteachers on Thursday, the Department for Education said from April 1, adults with a positive Covid-19 test result should "try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious".*

*For children and young people aged 18 and under, "the advice will be three days".*

The changes come despite the latest DfE attendance data showing that Covid-related pupil absences trebled in just two weeks, and almost one in 10 teachers remain absent.



## Dates

08.04.22 School newsletter out

08.04.22 Last day of the Spring term

25.04.22 INSET day

26.04.22 Children start back after the break

29.04.22 School newsletter out

03.05.22 Y2 SATs start

19.05.22 Y6 SATs week



We were visited by members of the team from Engie building contractors, who are working locally on a long term regeneration project in Priorswood/North Taunton. The children enjoyed seeing 'Kim' the contractors's mascot and getting some advice around how to stay safe around building sites.



Scarlett (in Adders class) was particularly excited to see the visitors in, as it reminded her of the experience she had earlier in the academic year burying 'time capsules' with the construction team! See below for her letter and a newsclip of the event. Thank you Scarlett, it was lovely to see how busy you have been!

