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Dear Parents, Carers & Guardians,

Re: Updated COVID guidance

Further to the Government announcements on the 21st February and the changes to guidance, I am writing to confirm how this impacts our community. I would like to reassure you that we will continue with the measures in place already, regarding ventilation and cleaning, to help to prevent transmission in school. All staff and students are allowed to wear a face covering should they choose to do so.

The full government response can be found here: [COVID-19 Response: Living with COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/press-releases/2022/02/24/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19)

- From Thursday 24th February 2022, the Government has removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. However, the **advice** remains in place that any adult or child who tests positive continues to stay at home for at least 5 full days and then until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. We would therefore **strongly encourage all pupils who develop symptoms or test positive to isolate** in order to limit the risk of transmission to others. This link contains further information: [COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/press-releases/2022/02/24/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19)
- The Government will no longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily and they have removed the requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.

If your child has symptoms we ask that you test your child. If as a school, we feel that your child is showing Covid symptoms, you will be asked to collect your child and test them. If the result is positive, please inform the school office, as you would for any other absence and follow the advice above.

In the event of a significant outbreak, measures in school may be increased to help control the spread, these decisions would be made in consultation with the local Public Health team.

We thank you in advance for all your support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss T Cadwallader