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Dear Parent/Carer

Update on Covid arrangements

Further to recent government announcements on Covid regulations I wanted to update on our school response. Our stance throughout this pandemic has been to take sensible measures to reduce infections, whilst doing all that is possible to ensure students receive the full education experience.

We recognise that the medical risk to our students and vaccinated staff is now lower and as such precautions can be reduced, however we want to take sensible steps to minimise any ongoing Covid spread so that student/staff absence is kept to a minimum. With all of this in mind we are taking the following steps, in line with the new guidance. These steps will remain in place until the Easter break when will be reviewed again.

Twice weekly Covid testing at home

We are no longer asking students to test twice weekly at home.

Isolation for symptomatic cases

The new guidance states that it is advised that any child who tests positive should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 days, returning after 2 negative tests on 2 separate days (i.e. the first test can take place on day 5 and the morning of day 6, where day 1 is the first day of symptoms).

In line with this we will be asking any student with Covid symptoms to take a LFD test at home and if positive to stay at home for the period of time shown above. This is no longer a legal requirement, however we strongly advise this approach as it helps to minimise spread and therefore future absences across our school community.

We have requested additional tests for distribution as requested and I will update parents when these arrive in school.

Covid testing for close contacts

It is no longer a requirement for close contacts of a positive case to daily test, we will therefore not be expecting this.

Other measures

We will continue to allow any student to wear a mask if they wish to. Other additional measures such as enhanced cleaning and ventilation will remain. An updated risk assessment will be on our website before the end of this week.

We hope that this gradual reduction of measures will help to ensure students are able to spend the maximum amount of time learning in school.

Thank you again for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully



Mr C Norwood
Headteacher