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Tuesday 1st March

Re: Changes to COVID guidance

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you all had a good and safe half term break. It was lovely to be able to welcome pupils back yesterday. I am writing to update you on our school operational plan in the light of the new Covid guidance. As ever, we will put the health and safety of our pupils first and therefore our interpretation of the new advice will exercise caution.

Schools **can** continue to ask pupils and staff not to attend school if they are symptomatic or test positive for Covid. Therefore we will still expect you to keep your child at home if they have any of the classic symptoms of Covid (temperature, cough, changes to smell or taste). Anyone with symptoms should take a PCR test and remain off school following a positive result for at least 5 days. They can return to school on Day 6, if they have 2 consecutive negative LFT results, taken on Day 5 and Day 6. Pupils who have symptoms but are unable to test should remain at home for 10 days.

Please note that free PCRs and LFTs will be available until the end of March and can be ordered online from <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

We are attaching a Covid Information Sheet which should answer most of your questions and contains information about:

- The removal of requirements for close contacts to test (this means we will no longer send texts about cases in school)
- The removal of requirements for unvaccinated close contacts to isolate
- Face coverings are no longer required but are still advised for transport. Anyone who chooses to wear a face covering in school, may of course do so.
- School trips will resume.
- Annual reviews and parents evenings will remain online for now

We will review our arrangements at Easter. These are transitional steps and over time we expect a gradual reduction of these measures.

Best wishes,

A member of



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