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Dear Parent

As part of their 'living with COVID' strategy - effective from Thursday 24th February – the government made quite a few changes to their approach to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As with previous changes, we have considered how these impact us and we want to be clear with you about what our next steps are.

From today (28th February) until 31st March, we will continue to insist that those students who test positive for COVID-19 do not come into school and access learning remotely. Students must continue to stay away from school for 5 full days and only return after 2 consecutive negative tests between day 5 and 10 of their isolation period.

If anyone develops COVID-19 symptoms in school, we will also insist that they leave school and stay away pending the outcome of a test.

We no longer ask that students, adults and visitors wear face coverings in any part of the school. However, anyone wishing to wear a face covering may continue to do so.

The government has confirmed that twice weekly testing and 7-day testing following contact with a positive case is no longer required.

From 1st April, we will see an end to free symptomatic and asymptomatic testing for the general public - students will no longer be required to self-isolate from this date.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Turton Headteacher

