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Dear Parent/Carer,

In view of the Government's announcement regarding living with COVID-19, we thought it would be helpful to share the information below with you about our approach to moving forward in school over the coming weeks.

On 21st February Government announced the Living with Covid-19, link below:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19

This step removes the remaining legal restrictions used to manage the pandemic and moves the management of the disease towards the Public Health standard approaches for managing infectious diseases.

Self-Isolation and close contacts

Whilst the legal requirement for cases to self-isolate is now removed from 24th February, adults and children who test positive for Covid-19 will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

Guidance for individuals provided by the UK Health Security Agency:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

The national Public Health advice is that anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19 should self-isolate at home for at least 5 full days, with LFD testing starting from 5 days after the day symptoms started (or the day the test was taken if there are no symptoms), and be undertaken daily until there are two consecutive negative tests at which point self-isolation may end provided the case has no fever/high temperature. The advised self-isolation period for cases ends for all cases after 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset.

The guidance for individuals states that children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting whilst they are infectious.

There is no requirement for close contacts and household contacts of cases to self-isolate or undertake 7 days of LFD testing and this includes unvaccinated adults.

No contact tracing is required to take place in school and routine national contact tracing will end.

We ask that parents and carers continue to take a sensible and balanced approach, should their child present with any of the key symptoms of Covid, given that this could impact and provide a potential risk to others within the school community. School may take the decision not to allow children to come to school if they are unwell and are displaying symptoms. In school we will continue to be cautious and maintain levels of hygiene and ventilation throughout the school day.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ashton
Executive Headteacher