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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on the implication of the changes to the national COVID-19 guidance for Covid-19 mitigation measures in place at schools this term.

As you are probably aware, it is no longer a legal requirement for people with Covid-19 to self-isolate, however, the latest guidance also states that if people have any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

The guidance also says that schools are still able to refuse entry to a child if they are symptomatic or test positive for Covid-19.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

We will continue to expect children who are unwell and displaying Covid-19 symptoms to stay at home and take a lateral flow test and then to remain off school if they test positive for at least 5 full days, returning to school after day 5 if they have two consecutive, negative LFT results. Free lateral tests will be available until at least the end of March.

If the number of positive cases substantially increases in the school, additional mitigation measures will be introduced.

Attendance is of course, mandatory for all pupils of school age who are well.

Yours Sincerely

Ian Harvey
Headteacher



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