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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: COVID-19 Update

I trust you have had an enjoyable and restful half term break. As you are aware, the government has now released its 'Living with Covid-19' plan. The purpose of this letter is to provide advice on how this affects our students and families.

A summary of these changes is below.

- As of now, regular testing is no longer advised, and this means that **children and staff are no longer required to complete an LFD test at home twice a week**. However, please be aware that this could be reintroduced should an outbreak occur and/or we are advised to by public health teams. Should this occur, home testing will be advised for a small defined period, with a defined group of pupils.
- **The school will no longer be in receipt of LFD test kits**. In the event of an outbreak, we would be obliged to order them and they would arrive within three working days. For this reason, please do not throw any unused kits away; please keep them handy for home testing should the need arise.
- Any **students who have symptoms of COVID-19 should complete a LFD test or continue to seek a PCR test**. If they test positive, this must be reported to the school and they are advised to remain at home for five full days and then receive two consecutive negative LFD test results before returning.
- **Close contacts will no longer be advised to complete daily LFD tests**.
- **We ask that parents/carers continue to inform the school if their child has tested positive for COVID-19**, so that we are able to record attendance accurately and monitor levels of COVID-19 related absence.

As a school, our aim is to continue to run as 'close' to normal whilst operating within the DfE guidance. Our priority remains to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education to all students. We will continue to ensure that we mitigate the risks by adhering to our measures of control.

I hope that this provides assurance of the new measures. Should further clarity be needed, please contact the school and we will be more than happy to help. We look forward to welcoming all of our students back tomorrow, Tuesday 1st March.

Yours sincerely

Alan Yendell
HEADTEACHER