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Dear Parent / Guardian

As you will be aware the COVID-19 guidance has changed recently. At this point in time it is important to stress that whilst guidance has changed, COVID-19 is still circulating in the community.

The legal requirement for self-isolating has been removed, however government guidance is still that people who have symptoms or test positive should isolate. The isolation periods and requirements for testing are outlined in "COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts" at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts

Pupils with a positive test, COVID-19 symptoms or are a close contact of a case should follow this guidance. Whilst the legal requirement to self-isolate has been removed, people with symptoms or a positive test should continue to isolate for the required period. In general it is best practice for pupils with any illness to remain off school to prevent them spreading the illness around the school and so you should also continue to follow these principles for other illness too.

Testing is no longer required in most schools, however if your child attends a SEND or special school, testing will continue.

Vaccinations for COVID-19 are either available or will shortly be available for all pupils. Vaccination is the most important way of protecting against COVID-19 so I would encourage you to ensure that your children are vaccinated.

It is still possible to catch and spread COVID-19 and by ensuring that we all abide by the requirements to isolate if you have symptoms or test positive then we can reduce the impact COVID-19 will have.

Yours sincerely,

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