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Wednesday 2nd March 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Last week, government announcements removed the legal requirements regarding Covid 19 restrictions. I wanted to update you with our response. It is important to note that we are in a transition period from where we have been to where we will be from April 1st when it is anticipated all restrictions will be removed.

We continue to fulfil our health and safety responsibility to staff, pupils and families and I have summarised the key actions, below. All actions apply whether you are vaccinated or unvaccinated.

- A close contact is someone you live with or have shared a space overnight. Contact tracing has been stopped and you will not be notified by Track and Trace.

Regular asymptomatic testing

- The Government has removed guidance for staff and pupils in most education and childcare settings to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing. Of course, if you have access to test kits and would like to continue testing, then we would welcome this. Until the 1st April, you can still order home kits.
- If there is an outbreak, Public Health may instruct us to return to testing and it is our understanding that tests will be provided for you to use.

Self-isolation and contact-tracing

- The Government has removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. **However, if your child tests positive, you are advised to keep your child at home** (and therefore not attend school) and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days. **We will not be able to admit any children into school who are Covid positive.** They should then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.
- If your child has any symptoms of COVID 19 we will not be able to admit them to school without a negative test.
- We need to act as this were any other infectious illness e.g. chicken pox. If your child is likely to spread an illness, we would ask that you keep them at home and we would ask that you do the same if it is Covid related. This means we minimise the spread, keep staffing levels high enough to sustain face to face learning and keep vulnerable children and adults in the community safe.
- If a member of your household has Covid, we would encourage you to support us by LFT testing children (over 5 years old) who are attending school. Doing this for 7 days (whilst they are most infectious), gives us the best possible chance of keeping Covid low and our community safe.



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- There will be further changes from April 1st and we will share these as soon as we have them.

A number of precautionary measures will remain, including:

- Keeping classrooms well ventilated.
- Regular cleaning of 'high touch' areas.
- Frequent handwashing.

We very much recognise and appreciate the support and cooperation that everyone has shown to the range of safety measures we have implemented over the last two years, all of which have been in line with Government and Public Health guidance. It has helped us to ensure the health and safety of your child, staff and school community, whilst limiting disruption to learning as much as possible. Across our schools we are still experiencing high levels of infection and illness as a result of COVID. IN some circumstances this has meant moving to remote learning. We want to avoid this at all costs and with your support, by maintaining these measures we can ensure we do not have to move to remote learning.

We will review the number of cases as we go through the half term and if we make changes to any procedures, we will let you know, well in advance.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to discuss any of this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch and thank you again for all your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Secker

Head of Academy