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Covid Measures Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday 21st February the Prime Minister announced the Government's 'Living with COVID19' response. Although there remain some unanswered questions regarding how this will apply in schools going forward, we have decided to make the following changes to our Covid-19 measures in school.

We currently have only a very small number of children absent with Covid so the risk to staff and pupils should be low however, we recognise that some members of our school community continue to feel vulnerable.

Testing

If a pupil or member of staff develops Covid symptoms, then they should book a PCR test to check whether they are positive. Positive results should be reported to the NHS.

Self-isolation

It is no longer a legal requirement to self-isolate when someone develops Covid. However, the government is clear that it is parental responsibility to keep children home if they display any of the Covid-19 symptoms- high temperature, loss or change of smell or taste and new, continuous cough. Self-isolation can cease after day 5 if they lateral flow test negative on two consecutive days. We are asking all staff and pupils to follow this advice. Please notify the school in the usual way if your child is absent either due to having Covid symptoms or due to having tested positive. We ask that you share test results with us to ensure absences are correctly registered.

There is no requirement for any close contacts of a positive case to self-isolate or to take LFD tests. This applies regardless of whether vaccinated or not.

Ventilation and hygiene measures

Hand washing and the disinfecting of shared equipment remains in place. Rooms are well-ventilated and strict cleaning regimes are maintained.

It is of course possible that we may need to amend these measures if cases start to rise again, but hopefully that will not be necessary.

As ever, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G Seymour
Headteacher

