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Dear Parents and Carers

Covid 19 update

I hope you've enjoyed some time with your children over the half term break. I'm writing to update you on the school approach to managing the risks of Covid 19 following the legal changes announced by the Government. It appears that guidance for schools is still being revised. We are expecting further local authority updates this week. If these result in any changes to our school approach detailed below, we will let you know.

The legal obligation to isolate has been removed. Instead, everyone should follow the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) advice - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

You will see that everyone is still advised to get a PCR test if they show the main symptoms of Covid 19 and to stay at home until the results are received. If you test positive, the current advice remains to isolate for at least five full days and to have two negative LFD test results (e.g. testing on day 5 and day 6) before ending isolation. We will still ask you to collect your child if they become unwell at school with the main symptoms of Covid 19.

If your child has to isolate at home, but feels well enough to work, please let the school office know that they would like to receive work from their teacher. As before, there is no expectation for a child who feels unwell to complete learning at home.

The government have said that face coverings are a personal choice. It is up to you if you wish to wear them when dropping off and picking up your children from school. We would still recommend that you wear these in crowded spaces and ask you to respect the feelings and concerns of other members of our school community. For any meetings taking place within the school building, masks will continue to be worn for the time being unless everyone agrees that they are comfortable to proceed without them.

We will continue to ventilate all spaces used by children and staff in school. Hygiene measures (hand washing and cleaning routines) will also remain in place. We will continue to monitor and report cases as required and will offer support for families with positive cases. If we did find cases of Covid 19 rising again, we might need to put additional measures (e.g. separating classes) back in place. We firmly hope this will not be necessary.

We're looking forward to a brilliant Spring Term (2) with the children. We want to ensure that they have the best experience of school whilst keeping everyone in our community as safe as possible. As always, we're very grateful for your support. If you have any queries or concerns, please do get in touch.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M Higgs
Headteacher

