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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see all the children back in school today and whilst we do have a few families and members of staff isolating, we are all pulling together to ensure the best provision for your children.

I am writing specifically to update you in regards to the guidance from the DfE about the change to the self-isolation period. You may have noticed yesterday that the DfE guidance differed from the NHS guidance in that it stated that children and staff should return to school on Day 8 following two consecutive LFD tests.

Today, the DfE have issued a 'clarification' stating that children and staff can return from Day 7 with two negative LFD tests (24 hours apart) and assuming they do not have a high temperature.

The **COVID-19 Protocols** section of our school website has been updated to reflect this new guidance.

I have also updated the section on Face Coverings following a couple of queries from parents.

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### Self-Isolation

Children who live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 do not need to self-isolate but should undertake daily LFD testing.

The self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart. The first LFD test should not be taken before the sixth day. *For example a child tests positive or has symptoms on the 5th January (this is day 0), the earliest that they can return to school would be 12th January (day 7) following two negative LFT tests on day 6 and day 7 and providing that they no longer have a high temperature.*

### Face Coverings

Whilst face-coverings to not have to be worn on school premises, can I ask parents to give due consideration to those around them and, if you are unable to keep a distance of 1m, please do consider wearing a face mask. This is particularly pertinent when speaking to staff or waiting to collect your child from Year 1 or Year R specifically.

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With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Tibbles'.

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