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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the Prime Minister's announcements earlier this week, some of the guidance for schools and families has changed, and I would strongly advise reading all of the following information:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1057106/220224_Schools_guidance.pdf

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

The main things for us as a school are to continue to ensure good hygiene for everyone; continue to maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, and to continue to keep occupied spaces well ventilated.

As far as testing and self-isolating are concerned, the advice for children is more or less the same as that for adults, which in summary is:

- The twice weekly LFD testing is no longer required. If you feel there are specific circumstances why it would be beneficial for your child to continue to test regularly, please contact Mr Baker at school. Otherwise, test kits will no longer be routinely distributed.
- If children have COVID-19 they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people.
- They should then stay at home for 5 days.
- Children should then take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day.
- If both these tests results are negative, children should return to school, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.
- If the day 5 LFD test result is positive, they should continue taking LFD tests until they get two consecutive negative test results, up to a maximum of ten days.

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Nationally and locally, children's attendance at schools has dipped and we are no exception to this. Please do your very best to get children to attend school so their education does not continue to be unnecessarily disrupted by Covid-19.

We would always expect children to have nearly 100% attendance at school. If you would like additional support with encouraging the good attendance of your child at school, please contact our Attendance Manager, Mrs Seaton.

As ever, I thank you for your ongoing support.

Very best wishes,

Alasdair Ashcroft
Headteacher

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