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Dear parents/guardians and carers

Please be assured that we will work tactfully and supportively to educate our students about the invasion of Ukraine. We will expect everyone to uphold our values – regarding the intrinsic dignity of all members of our community. Student well-being has already been tested! Being together as a school community will help us to provide the support to appropriately channel the many concerns that are arising from this situation.

As you are aware, prior to the storm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, we had to send one year group home for two days, as staff absence required such high levels of cover. In spite of the changes at a national level regarding Covid restrictions, the reality of school life means that we still need to operate with some level of protection to avoid further closure. School policy will continue to be aligned with local public health advice.

Please can I ask for your support with the following:

- Ensure your child/ren takes a LF test this evening and inform the school if positive;
- If they have Covid symptoms: (i) remain at home; (ii) take a PCR test; (iii) take the LF test on days 5&6 after first symptom; (iv) if both negative and symptoms have passed (e.g. temperature) return to school;
- If your child has been in close contact with someone who has Covid 19, it is recommended that they continue to attend school. However, we expect a higher level of vigilance for symptoms. Close contacts should take social distancing precautions and wear a well-fitting quality mask;
- Free tests will be discontinued on 1<sup>st</sup> April, therefore use your existing stocks sensibly;
- The government no longer requires families to take tests twice weekly;
- Vaccinations for those aged 12+ should be booked on line; the roll out for 5-11 year olds is imminent;
- The risk of staff and student absence has not gone away **and we need some measures to support staying open**;
- Consistent with our updated behaviour policies, students must still bring face masks to school. Generally, they will not be required to wear masks during lessons, however...;
- At the start and end of each lesson, as students move from/ into more congested areas of the school, they will be instructed to remove/ put on their face masks;
- Room ventilation, hand sanitation will continue to be encouraged.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Kind regards,

Mr P Gray  
Headteacher