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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will no doubt have been following closely the announcements made by the Government over the past week to end the majority of COVID-19 restrictions.

The guidance that staff and students in most education and childcare settings should undertake twice weekly testing has been removed. **However, we would recommend that children with symptoms undertake testing.**

From the 24th February, there will be no legal requirement to self-isolate after a positive test or for those over 18 who are not vaccinated to isolate for 10 days. However, children and young people with COVID-19 **should not attend their school while they are infectious**. They should 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 test results are negative, they should return to their school if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. Those who test positive should avoid contact with anyone in an at-risk group, including if they live in the same household. We all have a duty to protect vulnerable people in society, including those who attend or work in schools. The current advice from the Department for Education (DfE) outlines that Headteachers can refuse access to school if a pupil has a confirmed case of COVID-19 or any of the three COVID-19 symptoms :-

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Yours faithfully

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