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Dear Parents/Carers

## **COVID Updates**

As you are aware we have had a significant number of COVID cases across school over the past few weeks. This has impacted severely on staffing levels and this has meant that we have not been able to fully open school for safety reasons for the majority of the past few weeks. I know this has been difficult and I want to thank you again for your understanding and support of school.

From tomorrow, the national guidance for schools is changing. This now states that staff and pupils do not need to test but are advised to stay away at home if they display COVID symptoms for 5 days for adults and 3 days for children.

As we are still in the middle of an outbreak, we have reviewed our Outbreak Management Plan in light of this new guidance, and so will continue to implement our Outbreak Management Plan as follows;

- Staff and pupils to continue routinely testing twice a week. Where pupils are unable to test, the family around them are asked to test. Tests are available from the school should you require them.
- Staff will stay at home for five full days following a positive test and pupils will stay at home for three full days following a positive test. Please note that the day you test is considered Day 0 and the first full day is the following day.
- Staff continue to wear face coverings in communal areas
- Pupils will continue to stay in classes and staff working between rooms will be kept to a minimum.

We will continue to review our number of positive cases and once these have declined we will move to follow the national guidance and communicate this to you.

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As always, we need to prioritise safety for all, as well as ensuring consistency of education. We will always try to be fair and equitable when making decisions about classes learning from home. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this with me, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely

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