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Dear Parent/Carer,

Ahead of the start of the second half of the Spring Term, I would like to make you aware of our approach to managing Covid-19, until guidance is updated further.

There is no longer a legal requirement for people who test positive for Covid-19 to self-isolate. However, for individuals who have any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, public health **advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with others:**

- for at least 5 full days
- until you have had two negative test results 24 hours apart (the first of which is done on Day 5, the second on Day 6, then continuing until there have been two consecutive negative test results)

Therefore, our approach remains unchanged at the moment and is as follows:

- Anyone with any of the three main Covid-19 symptoms must go for a PCR test and the individual should isolate until they receive the result. The main symptoms are:
  - 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
- Anyone feeling unwell for any reason is advised to carry out a lateral flow test as a precaution

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### Lateral Flow (LFD) testing

We still encourage regular LFD testing while tests remain free of charge (even if someone has tested positive within the last 90 days), especially if a member of the household tests positive or if there is an outbreak in a particular year group. Staff will continue regular testing.

### Ventilation

Ventilation will continue and CO2 monitors will remain in place in all classrooms. As you are aware from the newsletter before half term, **children must now return to normal, full school uniform** as the weather has improved. An additional under layer can be added but not an over layer.

### Face coverings

Staff will wear face coverings in communal areas if we see an increase in cases in a particular year group. These are not recommended in classrooms.

**If we have an outbreak in a particular year group, we will communicate with relevant parents regarding any additional measures needed.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued commitment and support. We will continue to do all we can to limit any further disruption to teaching and learning whilst ensuring we work together to keep our community safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

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