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Changes to COVID-19 guidance from 1st April 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As you will be aware, there are changes to national guidance for managing COVID-19 and testing which come into effect today, Friday 1st April 2022. As the population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19, the virus will be managed like other respiratory infections as a result of the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk.

To help you understand how this affects you and your child we have summarised the changes below:

- As of Friday 1st April 2022, both free PCR and LFD testing will end. There are a few exceptions to this, based on medical vulnerabilities and certain occupations, but for most children and parents there will be a cost for PCR and LFD tests.
- Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting; therefore, settings will no longer be able to order test kits. We are no longer able to hand out any test kits to staff, pupils, or students unless advised by our local health protection team, local authority or director of public health.
- If your child is unwell and has a high temperature (37.8 degrees or higher) they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can come back to school when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.
- If you choose to test your child or your child is required to test due to medical vulnerabilities and tests positive they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days, which is when they are most infectious, and return to school when they are well enough to attend.
- Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection (including COVID-19) and who have a high temperature or feel unwell should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature. Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious.

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Parents and carers should continue to inform the school if their child is absent, including the reason, so that all absence can be monitored and would ask that all parents take a common-sense approach to attendance. If a child develops a high temperature while at school we will request that they are collected as soon as possible.

As ever, we would like to thank you for your continued support as these new changes come into effect, but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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