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Dear Parents/Carers

On 21 February the Prime Minister set out the next phase of the Government's COVID-19 response. COVID-19 continues to be a virus that we learn to live with and it is imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education.

Face Masks

Face masks are no longer advised for staff and visitors in communal areas around the school.

We will continue to have the following control measures in place:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

Asymptomatic testing

From 21 February, staff in mainstream schools will not be expected to continue taking part in regular asymptomatic testing and should follow asymptomatic testing advice for the general population.

Please be aware that in the event of an outbreak, we may be advised by the local health team or director of public health to reintroduce face masks and/or undertake testing for staff for a period of time.

Attendance and isolating

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school. Where a child is self-isolating (awaiting a test result) or in quarantine because of COVID19, they will be recorded as code X (not attending in circumstances related to coronavirus). Where they are unable to attend because they have a confirmed case of COVID-19 they will be recorded as code I (illness).

There is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate, **however if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.**

The following advice <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts> is for:

- people with any of the main symptoms of COVID-19
- people who have received a positive COVID-19 lateral flow device (LFD) or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test result
- people who live in the same household as, or who have had close contact with, someone who has COVID-19

Yours sincerely

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