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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start by thanking you for all your support in the efforts to keep our school community safe during the Covid-19 pandemic. The purpose of this letter is to provide guidance to Parents and Carers following the statement made by the Government on 21st February about Living with Covid.

From 24th February 2022:

- Whilst the **legal requirement** to self-isolate has been removed, adults and children who test positive for Covid-19 continue to be strongly advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 days and to continue to do this until they have received two negative LFT test results on consecutive days
- There is no longer a requirement for close contacts to undertake daily testing or self isolate if unvaccinated.

The guidance for children and young people in schools states, '*Children and young people with COVID-19 **should not attend their education setting** 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 these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature*'.

With the above in mind, and in light of the revised guidance for educational settings, we would seek to advise that if your child tests positive for covid they will need to stay at home.

Although the remaining Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the general principles and expectations for preventing and limiting the spread of childhood illness in school.

Staying Home When Unwell

Your child should not come to school if they are feeling unwell. For some illnesses there are recommended periods for children to be kept away from school. Some examples can be found by clicking on the link below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/789369/Exclusion_table.pdf

Good Hygiene Practice

Handwashing is one of the most important ways of controlling the spread of infections. Always wash hands after using the toilet, before eating or handling food and after handling animals.

Coughing and sneezing easily spreads infections. Children should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue, dispose of the tissue in a bin and wash their hands.

General advice remains to reduce the spread of Covid 19 and other infectious illnesses:

- Letting fresh air in if gathering indoors
- Wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, especially where you come into contact with people you do not usually meet.

We appreciate all you are doing to help keep your family and the wider school community safe at this time and thank you for your support.

Kind regards

Mrs E. Sanderson