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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 4. I hope you all had a restful half term. I am sure that you will have seen yesterday's announcement regarding the changes to the self-isolation guidelines. It is wonderful that after two long years, we are edging towards life without Covid restrictions, although as a community we must be mindful that this elicits different responses in those around us.

The DfE wrote to schools sharing information which I am sharing with you. The bold text comes directly from the DfE email.

## **Changes to self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts**

**From Thursday 24 February, the Government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. In addition, the Government will:**

**No longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and remove the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.**

**Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual. This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home.**

## **Specific advice to schools**

**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.**

Although these are now guidelines rather than legal requirements, we hope that parents/carers will choose to adhere to these guidelines. This will help to ensure that our staff remain Covid-free and therefore able to continue to provide high quality education to your children. Your support will hopefully allow us to avoid a situation where, as before the half term break, we were struggling to staff our classes.

We are currently looking at how we will begin to return to more normal activities in school and will update you in due course. More guidance is due to be released today and so hopefully will provide more clarification.

Many thanks for your support with this matter.

Alison Moller