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Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid Update

I hope you had a good half-term break. It has been lovely to see the pupils back in school/college. As you are aware the guidance around the management of Covid has changed and we are now working towards how we 'live with Covid'. As a school/college we are looking at how we manage this as over the last term we had very high levels of infection which had a big impact on a daily basis.

As we go forward we will be keeping certain measures in place. This is in line with the increased vulnerability of our cohort. The measures that will remain in place are detailed below:

- Staff will continue to test twice weekly using LFD tests. If your young person is able to tolerate the LFD tests then please continue to do these.
- If your young person is unwell with Covid symptoms then they need to take a PCR test and will need to stay at home until you have the result.
- If your young person tests positive for Covid then they will need to isolate initially for 6 days. If you get a negative LFD test on Day 5 and Day 6 then they can end isolation and return to school/college.
- If your young person is aged over 18 and unvaccinated then they no longer need to isolate if they are a close contact to someone with Covid.
- From Monday 28th February there will no longer be an expectation to wear face masks on site and we will be starting to mix children for some activities. We will be taking a precautionary approach to this in the first instance.

It is very difficult to predict how things will be over the next few weeks as precautions lift, we will be keeping measures under close review and will put additional measures back in place if needed.

I appreciate that it will be difficult as we adapt to the new way of living with Covid, please do email myself or one of the deputy heads if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Wishes,

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