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Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware that the government has now set out its 'Living with COVID' plan. Key factors, including the vaccination programme and increased immunity, mean that the population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic and so there have been a number of changes to the guidance around testing and isolation.

Changes to guidance from 1st April:-

- The national testing scheme ends. It is no longer recommended that students or staff test regularly. As such, we are not able to distribute test kits as we have done previously.
- Children and young people with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can return to school as soon as they do not have a high temperature and feel well enough.
- If a child does receive a positive COVID-19 test result, they only need to isolate for 3 days. They can return to school and other activities as normal after this point.

Nationally, attendance figures have seen a significant fall in recent weeks due to a rise in cases. Whilst we still want to remain cautious and act responsibly, hopefully the revised guidance will now see more children being able to attend school more often and therefore allow them to benefit from all aspects of education.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's Achievement Leader or Assistant Achievement Leader.

Yours sincerely

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