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Dear Parent/Carer,

'Living with COVID' - Parental Update

As I am sure you will be aware, on Monday the Prime Minister announced a range of changes to the restrictions that have been in place to help reduce rates of COVID. The full plan for 'Living with COVID' can be accessed [here](#).

Below I have listed the main government changes, then underneath are the changes within school.

Government Changes:

From Monday 21st Feb:

- Staff and students are no longer asked to test twice weekly
- Anyone with symptoms should take a PCR test, stay at home and follow government guidance if positive. People who have tested positive will continue to be advised to stay at home for five full days and then receive two negative test results on consecutive days before returning to their workplace or setting.
- Additional testing kits can be accessed online at gov.uk

From Thursday 24th Feb:

- the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test will cease. (However, **adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days**, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days.)
- Routine contact tracing will end

Thursday 24th Mar

- Remote education will no longer be compulsory

Friday 1st Apr:

- Free universal symptomatic and asymptomatic testing will no longer be provided

School Changes:

From Monday 28th Feb:

- Whole school assemblies will begin again
- Larger parental meetings eg Options Evening and shows can also take place
- Planning and booking of trips can fully take place

- Students are **no longer allowed to wear coats** in classrooms (though we do still encourage ventilation of classrooms). Students can wear coats outside and when travelling to and from classes, but should take them off as they enter.
- We will no longer routinely be distributing testing kits to staff and students.
- The whole school COVID risk assessment will be scaled down in line with government guidance.

I hope this helps bring some clarity, and we are awaiting further guidance over the coming days and weeks from the UK Health Security Agency. In the meantime, if you have any questions then please read the government guidance or contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Rannard
Headteacher