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Dear Parents

Further to the Prime Minister's announcement last week, the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive Covid test ended on Thursday 24th February.

The Government continues to recommend that people who test positive should still stay at home and avoid contact with others.

Therefore, as a school, we are asking all staff/parents to continue to follow our current guidance until April 1st, which we have detailed below.

- If your child has Covid symptoms please book them a PCR test and keep them at home until the result is known
- If the result is negative they can return to school
- If the result is positive you should send a copy of the NHS email notification to the school and they should remain at home and follow the positive case guidance below:
 - *Your child should follow government guidance and self-isolate for 5 full days. You must complete the 5th day of isolation and not end your isolation before day 6*
 - *On the 5th day of the isolation period, you must take a LFT followed by another LFT 24 hours later on day 6*
 - *If both of the test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result*
 - + *If you do not test negative on day 5 and 6 you must continue to do a lateral flow test until you have 2 consecutive negative results or 10 days self-isolation, whichever is sooner.*
 - + *You should not attend school during the period of self-isolation, even if you feel well*

Mask wearing within the school is now optional. Individuals should feel free to do so if they wish.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Walker
Headteacher

