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Dear Parent/Carer

1st March 2022

Living with Covid

I am sure you are aware of the recent changes to government guidance relating to Covid -19. Although we are still awaiting some clarity from central government we felt it would be useful to share the below information with you which will help to answer some of the many queries we have had:

Self-Isolation

The government have removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. 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. Our schools will continue to follow this guidance and proactively encourage staff and pupils to remain at home and follow the self-isolation guidance.

For the avoidance of doubt, if a parent or carer insists on a pupil with confirmed or suspected Covid attending school or college, the school will take the decision to refuse the pupil if, with reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with Covid-19.

Contact Tracing

Routine contact tracing will end. Fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 will no longer be asked to test daily for seven days, and close contacts who are not fully vaccinated will no longer be required to self-isolate.

Testing

With immediate effect, the government has removed the guidance for staff and students to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing. Although no longer recommended, students and staff who wish to continue regular testing will still be able to access test kits by ordering them online or through their local pharmacy.

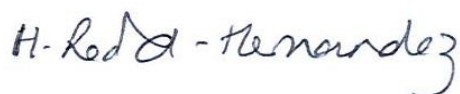
Anyone with symptoms should take a PCR test, stay at home and follow government guidance if positive. People who have tested positive will continue to be advised to stay at home for five full days and then receive two negative test results on consecutive days before returning to their workplace or setting.

Staff and pupils who test positive should use any test kits they already have at home to undertake testing on days five and six, before returning to school or college if they test negative.

We will of course continue to provide further updates as and when they come through from the DfE and we will proactively review the above as we approach 1 April 2022.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Redford-Hernandez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'H' and a long, sweeping underline.

Helen Redford-Hernandez
CEO