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Dear Parent/Carers

We have had a number of new cases of COVID in the Year 6 class. With the Government announcements on 21st February 2022 and the changes to guidance, I am writing to confirm how this impacts on our school community and the current cases.

The school will continue with the measures in place already regarding ventilation and cleaning to help to prevent transmission in school. All staff are allowed to wear a face covering should they choose to do so.

The full Government response can be found here: [COVID-19 Response: Living with COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/press-releases/2022/02/21/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19)

- From Thursday, 24th February 2022, the Government has removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. However, the advice remains in place that any adult or child who tests positive continues to stay at home for at least 5 full days and then until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. We expect all children and staff who develop symptoms or test positive to isolate in order to limit the risk of transmission to others and in line with other illnesses. This link contains further information: [COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/press-releases/2022/02/21/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19)
- The Government will no longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily and they have removed the requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.

If your child has a confirmed positive test for COVID, then please report the absence to the school office as you would for any other absence. School email is checked over the weekend so early notification helps us to plan and monitor the situation.

In the event of a significant outbreak, measures in school may be increased to help control the spread. An updated contingency plan can be found on the website.

I wish the children who are unwell a speedy recovery and thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely

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