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Dear Parents/Carers,

### COVID-19 update

As you may be aware, there have been many changes concerning the rules and regulations around COVID-19. In order to help clarify the changes, please see the key points below, which apply to school:

- There is no longer a **legal requirement** for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) to self-isolate, however if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to **stay at home and avoid contact with other people**.
- Children and young people with COVID-19 **should not** attend school while they are infectious. This is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.  
They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another test the following day. If both test results are negative, children can return to school, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.
- The same advice is given to our staff, in order to protect all in our school community.
- Face coverings will no longer be worn in school, unless we have confirmed positive cases.

All guidance has been updated to reflect the Government 'Living with COVID-19' plan and the most recent changes made to public health guidance tracing close contacts, isolation and when someone has symptoms or a positive test.

We will continue to do all that we can to keep our children, families and staff well and protected during this time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Emily Morris*

Headteacher