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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week the government announced changes to the COVID regulations, and we are writing to outline these how these will impact on the academy.

Lateral Flow Device Testing.

- Students and staff no longer need to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing.
- School will have access to LFD tests if we have an outbreak in school otherwise, students will be able to access LFD test kits from their local pharmacy or online but not from the academy.

Self - Isolation and daily testing of close contacts.

- In line with government advice, until at least the 1st of April, we are advising that staff and students who have tested positive for COVID 19 stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and continue to stay at home until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days
- The Government have removed the **legal** requirement to self-isolate following a positive test from the 24th of February.
- Close contacts, including those who are not fully vaccinated no longer need to self-test for 7 days.

PCR tests

- It seems that it may still be possible to access free PCR test for those with COVID symptoms. Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Face coverings

- Face coverings no longer need to be worn in school; however, staff and students can do so if they choose.

Attendance

- Absence from school due to Covid is now classed as per any other absence.

Thank for your continued support over the coming weeks. If you require any further information, please contact the academy or check the government information sites.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T Johnson
Principal