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Dear Parent / Carer,

As you will know, the Prime Minister announced the Government's plans for living with Covid-19 last week.

It was confirmed during that announcement that regular LFD testing in schools is no longer required and from Thursday 24th February. It was also announced that legal requirements such as contact tracing would cease and as a result close contacts of a positive Covid case would not need to test or self-isolate.

On Thursday 24th February, the Department for Education issued updated guidance for schools to follow (link to guidance - <https://bit.ly/3Mn8MVk>). One of the central pillars of this guidance is to continue to follow public health advice on managing confirmed cases of Covid-19. For the protection of staff and other pupils within all of our schools, we are therefore advising that if your child tests positive, they will not be allowed to attend school and should remain at home until they have had two negative lateral flow tests from day 5 onwards. Like any other illness, if your child feels unwell, they should not come into school. Free testing kits will continue to be available until 31st March 2022 and you are encouraged to continue to use them.

COVID-19 hasn't gone away, and our advice, in keeping with the Local Authorities in which we operate, is to continue with the behaviours which we have become accustomed to. We know these measures work.

Remember to follow Government advice (<https://bit.ly/3lzo8nk>), such as:

- Vaccination offers the best defence against the virus. It's not too late to get vaccinated and you can find out where to get vaccinated by visiting www.nhs.uk/coronavirus-vaccine, ring 119 or contact your GP.
- If you have symptoms or feel unwell, minimise your contact with others, stay at home if you can and get a PCR test.
- Continue with regular hand washing.
- Maintain good ventilation and open windows regularly in indoor settings.
- Wear a face covering in crowded spaces.

Thank you once again for your continued support of our schools and communities over what has been two very challenging years. We hope that, together, we can continue to take steps to get back to normality which I am sure we will all welcome.

Yours faithfully,

David Donnelly
Chief Executive Officer
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