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Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed a pleasant half-term break. I wanted to write to you regarding two very important issues which may be at the forefront of your minds.

First, the Prime Minister announced plans for living with COVID-19 in England and I wanted to share with you the guidance we have received from the Local Authority here:

All educational establishments

As we all aware, COVID-19 is still circulating and causing severe illness for a minority of our population. We have a collective responsibility to work together to protect those most vulnerable whilst also protecting face-to-face education for our children and young people.

*This means educational establishments still need to continue with **control measures**:*

- 1. Ensuring good hygiene for everyone (hand hygiene & respiratory hygiene)*
- 2. Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes*
- 3. Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated*
- 4. Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19*

*From 24 February 2022, the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test has been removed. However, both **adults and children who test positive are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 days**. On the fifth and sixth day, if negative test results are returned, the individual can cease staying at home and return to normal activity (i.e., return to school). However, if they do not return negative test results on the 5th and 6th day, they should be strongly advised to continue to stay at home until they have returned 2 negative results. Regardless of test results, they can return to school on the 11th day. There is **no** requirement for any close contacts outside of the household to be advised to stay at home.*

*The routine wearing of **face coverings** in classrooms and communal areas is no longer required under normal circumstances. However, it is still strongly recommended that face coverings are worn on home to school and college transport for those aged 11 or over.*

The second pressing issue is around the war in Ukraine. We are very mindful that many of our pupils may be experiencing anxiety about this issue. We will, as always, support every individual and attempt to alleviate their concerns. A very useful guide can be found here:

[How to talk to children about Russia invading Ukraine on an honest but reassuring way \(inews.co.uk\)](https://inews.co.uk/how-to-talk-to-children-about-russia-invading-ukraine-on-an-honest-but-reassuring-way/)

Yours faithfully,

Peter Richardson

Executive Headteacher

