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COVID-19 UPDATES

Dear Parents and Families

Following the latest announcements in the press about 'living with Covid'; from today the 'rules and guidance' for schools changes again.

- All schools, including specialist settings, should begin to treat COVID-19 like any other respiratory infection - if you are not well, have a temperature then you should not be in school until you feel well enough and have no temperature.
- If you take a test and have a positive result children and young people under 18 years should stay at home and avoid contact with others for at least 3 days or until better. If you are over 18 years, it should be at least 5 days.
- In all education settings the requirement for regular asymptomatic testing will cease and settings will no longer be able to order test kits.
- The UK Health and Security agency will publish new guidance but most COVID specific restrictions/guidance for schools will be withdrawn.

In view of the above, after Easter, school will once again return to 'normal' operational practise **without** most restrictions in place. However, some have become daily good practises and will continue such as regular hand washing or sanitising being encouraged; good respiratory hygiene (catch it and bin it); regular anti-bacterial surface cleaning and keeping areas well ventilated.

It is imperative that children who are unwell do remain at home until they are fully recovered to continue to protect and safeguard all our other vulnerable children and the staff, from a potential future outbreak of positive cases.

Should a viral outbreak happen the Health Security Agency may recommend a return to contingency outbreak arrangements and further restrictions be put in place.

Thank you for all your support and understanding over the last two years whilst COVID-19 has been so prevalent in society. It has not gone away, but hopefully we are moving beyond a pandemic to a more manageable approach to the virus.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Shaun Jukes'.

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