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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID -19 Reminder of updated procedures

We are writing to inform you that there are likely to be cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) from time to time in this next phase of living with COVID-19 in the community. Please be reassured that for most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. The purpose of this communication is to remind you of the importance of all pupils and staff, regardless of age, and their families remaining vigilant regarding COVID-19, and indeed other infections, to protect their own health as well as the health of others around them. We will not be routinely informing of individual cases as they occur, as this is no longer an expectation. This is because, in line with Government guidelines, we will not be restricting the attendance of close contacts who are under 18 and 6 months or double vaccinated, only those individuals who have symptoms and/or who have tested positive or close contacts over 18 years 6 months who are not double vaccinated. If your child is identified as a close contact of the confirmed case, you may be contacted by NHS Test and Trace who will advise you on what to do next.

However, we are continuing to monitor the situation and will work closely with Public Health England if the number of cases escalates to meet the thresholds for considering further steps. If this occurs, then further measures could be introduced but at this stage this is not deemed necessary. The setting remains open, and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. If your child has COVID-19, symptoms please do not bring them to school. In this instance you should book a PCR test for your child and keep us informed of the results. **Lateral flow home test kits should only be used on children over the age of 11 who do not have symptoms.**

Full details of the new procedures can be viewed online at [**What parents and Carers need to know - COVID-19**](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries regarding the information above.

Kind regards,

Miss A Cripps

Headteacher