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Dear Parents/Carers

The Government's Living with Covid 19 Plan

You will be aware from the National Media that from today Thursday 24th February 2022 legal requirements regarding Covid testing and isolation have been lifted.

The Department for Education has produced its own guidance for schools and in particular for special schools. Pupils and staff attending special schools are advised by the DfE to continue the twice weekly LFT testing which has been the practice for some time now. Special schools will still, for now, have access to free LF tests. This situation may change in the future.

Our school will continue to follow the DfE advice and guidance for special schools in regards to reporting a positive case of Covid in your child. Therefore, should your child test positive we would request that your child continue to stay at home for at least 5 days and then test daily from day 5 until your child has 2 consecutive days of negative tests.

We understand that the guidance is likely to cause some confusion over the next few weeks. Our priority is to keep cases of Covid as low as possible amongst our school community. We will continue with our practice of contacting you if your child presents with the familiar symptoms of Covid during the school day.

We will constantly review the guidance from the DfE and update you accordingly if our procedures change.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office in the first instance should you require any further information.

With kind regards

L. Salter

Mrs L Salter Headteacher