

28th February 2022

Dear parent/carer,

As the government has recently announced its 'Living with COVID-19' plan, I thought I'd write to outline some of the implications for school.

There is now a clear shift towards removing the dependence on testing as well as contact tracing. Schools will no longer receive test kits to distribute (unless instructed by Public Health) and LFD tests will only be available for free up until the end of March. The implications are therefore as follows:

- There is no longer a requirement to test routinely twice per week
- There is no longer a requirement to self-isolate following a positive test **however** anybody who tests positive is advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 days and until they have received 2 consecutive negative tests.
- Families are currently still able to access free test kits via pharmacies and online if required (up until end of March).
- Close contacts are no longer required to test daily for 7 days.
- There is no longer a requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.

If you have any further questions or queries, further detail is available online – I have simply tried to provide a (hopefully) useful summary for your information.

Please also note that the COVID vaccinations which were scheduled for Friday 18th February have now been re-scheduled for **Friday 18th March**. Vaccination UK have informed us that the consent line has re-opened for anybody who wishes to add their consent or change any information at this stage. **If you have already given consent, this still stands – you do not need to do it again.**

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,



Dean Williams