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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well and had a lovely Easter Break. I just wanted to ensure you had an update regarding the latest guidance relating to Covid-19 and what actions to take if your child is unwell. I know there is a lot of information out there and I thought it would help if I tried to summarise and keep it as simple as possible for you.

You will be aware from 1st April, the Government published its Living with Covid -19 strategy. This means that there is no longer a requirement for students or staff to test regularly and that the universal/free testing has now finished.

The following guidance is now in place if students or staff are unwell with Covid-19 symptoms:

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they feel well enough to attend.
- Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- In the event that a Covid-19 test is taken, adults with a positive test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is 3 days.
- There is no longer a requirement for students or staff to return a negative test before returning to school once they have remained at home for the recommended period of time. Microsoft Teams will still be available for confirmed Covid cases so please ensure you let us know if this is the case for your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions at all. We are always here to help and support in any way we can.

Yours faithfully

Beverley Scott-Herron

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