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Dear Parents and carers

### **Covid Notification Guidance**

The Department for Education updated its guidance in September, removing the responsibility for schools to inform parents about a Covid outbreak in class, passing this responsibility on to NHS Test and Trace. Once a positive PCR test is confirmed, Test and Trace contact the affected family to ascertain close contacts and they are then contacted directly.

Once contacted by Test and Trace, the individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with Covid, or are a close contact of someone with Covid, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved Covid vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

**Our advice to families is to vigilantly watch for signs of Covid and take a PCR test should they identify signs and symptoms in themselves and their family.**

Public Health guidance states that if there have been 5 cases of Covid across a class within 10 days, (or 10% of the school roll), it could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children. If this does happen, we will update parents to share that we intend to implement our Covid Contingency Plan. This includes:

- o Encouraging the use of face masks in corridors and communal areas
- o Adapting, limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances
- o Reverting to year group / class assemblies
- o Reducing the number of classes staff work across
- o Resuming twice-weekly staff lateral flow testing (if staff have stopped)



We haven't reached this threshold yet but we will notify you if we do. Thank you for continuing to help keep our schools open and safe by responding quickly to any symptoms that you observe at home.

Yours sincerely



Craig Bealey

Head of School

