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### COVID GUIDANCE UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Apologies for the delay in writing, I wanted to ensure we were sharing clear information - further to our latest schools update from the Leicestershire Health Protection Team - when outlining this next stage.

Following an announcement on Monday, the Government's objective is to enable the country to manage COVID-19 like other respiratory illnesses. Living with and managing the virus will mean maintaining the population's wall of protection and communicating safer behaviours that the public can follow to manage risk.

#### What does that mean for school?

##### Positive cases – Pupils and staff members

Whilst the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test has now been removed, our stance (as per the recommendations) is as follows:

*Adults and children who test positive will continue to be **advised** to stay at home and to avoid contact with other people. After 5 days, they may choose to take a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) followed by another the next day - if both are negative, and they do not have a temperature, they can safely return to their normal routine.*

If your child receives a positive test result outside of school hours or at a weekend, please continue to make us aware by texting our out hours number on [07935 646730](tel:07935646730)

##### Close contacts (and tracing)

No contacts will be required to self-isolate or be advised to take daily tests. It feels appropriate that we should, however, continue to keep you informed.

For the moment, I would like to maintain the measure of visitors being asked to wear a mask when coming into the school building - this will be reviewed over the next few weeks.

##### Looking ahead

Ongoing management of the virus for us in school now links very much to the number of cases and more importantly where a rise in cases can be linked. We are no longer in a COVID



management phase owing to low levels of cases within school presently. Our risk assessment(s) will now, in effect, become our contingency planning should there be an outbreak – measures will be re-introduced as may be necessary.

**Other guidance, includes:**

Public Health

Those who test positive should avoid contact with anyone in an at-risk group, including if they live in the same household. It is our understanding that from 1 April, the Government will further update guidance, setting out the ongoing steps that people with COVID-19 should take to minimise contact with other people.

We hope to continue working closely with you in implementing the above steps and changes as a school community.

Many thanks for your continued support,

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