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Dear Parents/Carers

Covid-19 Update

As you will be aware school is closed to most students. However, the information below applies if your child is currently attending school.

As you know, this term we have been following the Government's direction to test students on a daily basis should there be a positive case within their bubble. In this way it had been hoped to minimise the number of students who needed to self-isolate after coming into close contact with a positive case.

The Government has announced, however, that it is putting this policy on hold whilst it gathers more information about the effectiveness of this approach given the greater risk of transmission through the new variant of the virus and the effectiveness of the daily tests themselves.

We will, therefore, be returning to our policy from last term which will require any student who have been in close contact with a positive case within the school to self-isolate at home. It is hoped that this will be a temporary measure that will be resolved by the time the vast majority of students are able to return to school.

We are doing everything we can to minimise the risk of the virus transmitting in school. If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19, **please do not send them to school** but seek advice from the NHS website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19):

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Thank you for your assistance in this.

Yours faithfully

Miss Bacon, Principal



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