



21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **'Living with COVID-19' – Moving forward**

On 28<sup>th</sup> February we wrote highlighting updated, now current, guidance in relation to COVID-19 and the school's response to this.

As we continue to hear of one or two cases of COVID-19 within our school community it seems appropriate to drop you a line sharing our preferred way in which this should be managed to ensure that the school is as safe as possible for children and adults attending.

- We would ask that staff, children and young people with COVID-19 **do not attend school while they are infectious** – this period is 2 days prior to symptoms and 10 days following symptoms being present.
- We would ask that staff, children and young people with COVID-19 can take a lateral-flow test 5 days after their symptoms started followed by another the next day. **If both of these results are negative they should return to school/work if they feel well enough to do so, and they do not have a temperature.**
- If your test on day 5 is positive, **you can continue taking lateral flow tests until you receive 2 negative tests on two consecutive days**, at which time people can return to school.

The school continues to maintain an approach to supporting good hygiene arrangements among children and staff and comfortable learning environments are being maintained with ventilation being considered.

The use of face coverings continues to be something that individuals can make their own decisions about wearing, and we will continue to hold assemblies in the same way as pre-COVID with parents now invited to join us on Friday mornings if they wish.

We recognise that often, when faced with positive cases of COVID-19, or indeed any matters concerning ill health within families, it can be useful to talk through your particular circumstances with us – we would encourage you to contact us at these times. We'll always try to make your effort worth your while.

In the meantime should you have any questions concerning the points detailed above please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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