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### COVID-19 update

Dear Parent/Carer

As always, I would like to begin by thanking you for your support with helping us to stay safe. On Monday 21 February, the Prime Minister gave an [oral statement](#) in Parliament outlining the next phase of the Government's COVID-19 response. The Prime Minister confirmed domestic legal restrictions will end on **24 February** as we are asked to begin to treat Covid like other infectious diseases. New guidance on 'Living with Covid' is available [here](#). This means:

- The remaining domestic restrictions in England will be removed. The legal requirement to self-isolate ends. Until 1 April, the government still advises people who test positive to stay at home. Adults and children who test positive are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days. Please continue to let us know if your child tests positive for Covid so that we can continue to monitor numbers.
- From April, the Government will update guidance setting out the ongoing steps that people with COVID-19 should take to be careful and considerate of others, similar to advice on other infectious diseases. This will align with testing changes.
- Routine contact tracing ends, including venue check-ins on the NHS COVID-19 app.
- Fully vaccinated adults and those aged under 18 who are close contacts are no longer advised to test daily for seven days and the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate will be removed.

### Staying safe

As previously, we will continue our drive on ensuring good hygiene for everyone with students being reminded about the importance of regular hand washing and use of hand sanitiser. We are continuing to ensure all teaching rooms and spaces remain well ventilated and that we maintain our current cleaning regimes to ensure that contact areas are regularly sanitised. We will continue monitor daily numbers and are prepared to step measures up or down in future as required in line with our Covid-19 Outbreak Contingency Plan.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

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