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On 21 February the Prime Minister set out the next phase of the Government's COVID19 response. COVID-19 continues to be a virus that we learn to live with and the imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education remains.

We have reviewed the guidance and assessed the situation in line with our detailed risk assessment. We have included a link below to a presentation that has been produced which is a comprehensive overview of the procedures that have been put in place in line with national guidance. Further information and guidance will be sent out as and when we receive it.

<https://cdn.realsmart.co.uk/edwardpeake.realsmartcloud.com/uploads/2022/03/01121109/Parent-copy-Living-with-Covid-plan-2022-EPMS.pdf>

Key highlights

- Remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.
- The Government is removing the guidance for staff and students in most education and childcare settings to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing. We will give out further test packs on next week. Information regarding lateral flow testing and ordering test packs can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Our first letter to parents and carers regarding COVID-19 was Friday 22 February 2019! It has certainly been a journey and one in which we have faced significant challenges. The support we have received from all members of the community has been greatly appreciated and I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their continued support of our school. Please use the updated presentation to keep you informed as we enter this next phase of our journey together.

Yours sincerely

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