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Dear Parents and Carers

Covid-19 guidance from February 2022

As you are aware the Covid-19 national guidance changed at the start of our half term and schools have received specific guidance for the next half term. The Three Rivers Learning Trust will follow this guidance and will keep you informed if there are any changes required within any of our schools during the half term.

The full guidance for schools is [here](#), for your information, and the key points to note are as follows:

Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms or communal areas. Students should follow [wider advice on face coverings](#) outside of school, including on transport to and from school.

Control measures remain in place and our schools will continue to:

- Promote good hygiene, especially hand hygiene for everyone
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

Asymptomatic testing. From 21 February, staff and pupils in mainstream secondary schools will **not** be expected to continue taking part in regular asymptomatic testing and should follow asymptomatic testing advice for the general population. This means that schools will no longer be able to provide tests for staff and students. In the event of an outbreak, a school may also be advised by their local health team or director of public health to undertake testing for staff and students of secondary age and above for a period of time.

Self Isolation: Staff and students are still required to self-isolate for 5+ days following a positive LFT. The advice from the [UK Health Security Agency](#) outlines this position:

- *"Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. They should follow the guidance for their educational setting."*
- *"Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has COVID-19 should continue to attend the setting as normal."*

This guidance is unchanged from the end of the last half term, and we will continue to follow these measures until the Easter holiday unless the national picture changes.

Yours sincerely



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