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Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope this finds you well, I write today primarily with the updated guidance for managing Covid-19 here at school in line with the national changes that have come into force today. Before that, however, I'd like to say a huge congratulations to all students who performed in the Dance Recital on Wednesday, you were brilliant. It was fantastic to have so many parents, carers, family and friends on site to appreciate all the hard work students had clearly put in this year.

Full steps for living with Covid are outlined here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-sets-out-next-steps-for-living-with-covid>

In relation to school:

- Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended
- Free universal Covid-19 tests will no longer be available
- Students who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Parents should notify the school, in normal fashion, of your child's illness. Students can return to school when they are well enough to attend and no longer have a high temperature
- If anyone under the age of 18 does receive a positive Covid-19 test result, the advice is to avoid contact with others for 3 days. Remote learning will still be provided for students well enough to work, but unable to attend our setting, whilst isolating in this instance

We will continue to advocate safe behaviours at school, such as increased ventilation, good respiratory and hand hygiene, more frequent cleaning and face coverings will still be allowed should anyone wish to wear them. I would also like to support all students in using our outdoor spaces for break and lunch where possible. The weather is improving, being out in the fresh air and active at social times is great for both physical and mental health.

Many thanks,

Mike Lowdell  
Head Teacher