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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Update on Covid guidance

I am really pleased to report that the number of Covid infections being reported to me amongst the school population has declined rapidly, and I am hoping it won't be long before we are able to step down some of measures I had to reintroduce due to the outbreak.

One of the measures that we will not be able to step down will be the amount of ventilation required in the classrooms, so please ensure that your child comes to school in clothing that will keep them warm in the classrooms.

I have had a number of conversations with parents in recent days regarding the ever changing guidance provided by the government so I thought it may help to cover some of them in this letter. I do have to add though, that this is my understanding of the guidance and you should always default to the official guidance if unsure, or if the guidance I give appears to contradict what you thought was the situation.

Positive case of Covid in the family

When there is a confirmed positive case of Covid in the household, all the children should take a PCR test and should remain at home while they wait for the result of the test. The guidance is not extended to children when the close contact has been at school. Under the current guidance, if you are contacted by myself to report a possible close contact, they should return to school while waiting for the PCR result.

Returning after testing positive

The children should return after a positive Covid infection on the eleventh day after the positive LFT result, or the PCR if no LFT was taken. The isolation ends on midnight on day 10, so day 11 is the return date.

The children can return with a cough, or loss of smell / taste, but must not return to school if they still have a temperature.

Testing after an isolation period

Once someone has tested positive and reached the end of their isolation period, they should not take any further LFT or PCR tests for a period of 90 days. The only exception to this is if the person develops new symptoms after the initial infection. Any new symptoms after the initial recovery should be tested again with a PCR test.

I hope this letter helps but if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Thompson
Headteacher