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Principal: Mrs P Bohacek

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Prime Minister's announcement on the Living with COVID-19 plan

I hope you are all keeping well.

I am writing to you following yesterday's announcement on the living with COVID-19 plan by our Prime Minister. He has directed that 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.

In line with the government and the Department of Education guidance on SEND settings, we strongly recommend that all students continue to regularly test once a week, either at home or at school and the results are updated on the school's website.

Nurse Helen and her team will be available every Monday morning to carry out the lateral flow testing on the students with consent. If you have any concerns about your children from Tuesday through to Friday, Nurse Helen will be able to test them on an ad hoc basis, as and when required. Staff and students are also able to access test kits from their local pharmacy or [online](#).

Changes to self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts

From Thursday 24 February, the Government will 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.

More detail can be found in the [Living with COVID-19](#) plan published today.



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Our staff will also be testing weekly and we will be doing everything possible to keep our school community safe and well. Please encourage your children to maintain safer behaviours, such as the regular washing of their hands and using the anti-bacterial hand sanitisers provided. We strongly encourage the wearing of masks in communal areas to minimise the risk of transmission.

We also need to add that close contacts are no longer required to perform a daily lateral flow test for 7 days but should ask to take a test if worried or feeling unwell.
Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Photini Bohacek
Principal

