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FW: Updated COVID-19 Guidance

----- Original Message: -----

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, the government has updated its guidance around COVID-19 measures for schools as part of its 'COVID-19 Response: Living with COVID-19' plan. Please be aware of the changes below:

From Monday 21st February

- Students are no longer required to lateral flow test twice a week, and the government is no longer supplying test kits to schools.

From Thursday 24th February

- Students are no longer legally required to self-isolate if they test positive for COVID-19. However, this is still recommended by both the government and NHS.

From Friday 1st April

- Free PCR and lateral flow tests will no longer be provided to the public. Testing will continue to be available for those the government considers to be 'at risk'.
- The college will no longer be required to include COVID-19 controls in our risk assessments.

What this means for students

- If your child tests positive, the current recommendation remains that they self-isolate for a minimum of 5 days. After this, if your child tests negative on two consecutive days and does not have a high temperature then they can return to college. Regardless, after 10 days it is safe for your child to return to college unless they still have a high temperature.
- Remote learning will continue to be offered to those students who are self-isolating due to COVID-19.
- Your child is welcome to continue wearing a face covering in school if they choose.
- If your child is absent due to COVID-19, this will continue to be recorded on registers as an 'I' (for illness), as directed by the government, and will be considered as

absence.

- If you have any lateral flow tests at home, we recommend you only use these if your child is unwell and displays COVID-19 symptoms.
- Hand sanitising arrangements and increased ventilation will remain in place across college this term.
- If we experience an outbreak of COVID-19, we will work with the local authority and UKHSA to protect the health and well-being of everyone in our care.

As always, thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Kind regards

Mrs Huddart
Principal