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Dear Parent/Carer

Recent Covid-19 UK Health Security Agency update

Over the half term break, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) released further guidance regarding Covid-19. [The Government guidance for schools](#) has also been updated to reflect these changes.

For ease please find a brief summary of the main points below:

Asymptomatic testing

From 21 February, staff and pupils in mainstream secondary schools will not be expected to continue taking part in regular asymptomatic testing.

Self-isolation

From 24 February, the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. However, the Government advises adults and children who test positive 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.

Know the symptoms of Covid-19

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough.
- a high temperature.
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If you have any of these symptoms you should take a [PCR test](#). You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result.

Children with Covid-19

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 test results are negative, they should return to their educational setting, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

Living with someone who has Covid-19 and close contacts

Children and young people who are asymptomatic but, live with someone who has COVID-19 should continue to attend their educational setting as normal. The Academy will continue to focus its Covid-19 risk assessment on the Governments four control areas:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Continue to follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to welcoming all pupils back to the academy on Monday 28 February.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Broome". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Mrs S Broome
Principal