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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to inform you that there have been 2 positive cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the last 2 weeks. We are fully expecting to have more positive cases from time to time in this next phase of living with COVID-19 in the community. Please be reassured that for most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. The purpose of this communication is to remind you of the importance of all pupils and staff, regardless of age, and their families remaining vigilant regarding COVID-19, and indeed other infections, to protect their own health as well as the health of others around them.

We will not be routinely informing of individual cases as they occur, as this is no longer an expectation. This is because, in line with Government guidelines, we will not be restricting the attendance of close contacts who are under 18 years 6 months of age, or double vaccinated, only those individuals who have symptoms and/or who have tested positive or close contacts over 18 years 6 months who are not double vaccinated. If your child is identified as a close contact of the confirmed case, you may be contacted by NHS Test and Trace who will advise you on what to do next.

However, we are continuing to monitor the situation and will work closely with Public Health England if the number of cases escalates, to meet the thresholds for considering further steps. If this occurs, then further measures could be introduced but at this stage, this is not deemed necessary. The setting remains open, and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared.

If your child has a positive LFD test result (for children aged 11 and above), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known.

If your child has a positive PCR test result but does not have symptoms, they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset.

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Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) (www.gov.uk) or by calling 119.

We will send out this standardised letter every two weeks to inform you of current Covid numbers and to remind you what to do if you or your child displays symptoms or tests positive.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Golding

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