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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Updated COVID-19 Guidance – 28 February 2022

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well and that you managed to have a good half term.

As you will likely have seen in the news, the Government has updated its plans in relation to Covid-19. This letter today is to outline how these changes will affect how we operate at Sherburn High School.

Testing

Both staff and students will no longer be asked to complete twice weekly COVID-19 asymptomatic testing. As a result, no further lateral flow testing kits will be provided to students by school. Should you have any old testing kits, you are welcome to keep these. Should you require additional test kits, these can now be ordered online <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateralflow-tests>. Please remember that lateral flow tests are only designed to be used where a person does not have symptoms of COVID-19.

Developing Symptoms of COVID-19

Where you or your child develop symptoms of COVID-19, it continues to be recommended that you arrange for a PCR test to be completed at a testing centre. This will remain the advice up to 1 April 2022, at which point the Government has indicated that mass testing will end. Where your child tests positive for COVID-19 on a PCR test, it is recommended that they self-isolate in line with previously issued guidance. This, however, is no longer a legal requirement. Students who self-isolate will be able to return to school on day 6 of their self-isolation period so long as they have tested negative on a lateral flow test on day 5 and 6. Tests must be taken 24 hours apart.

Remote learning, via Google Classroom, will continue to be in place for anyone who is required to self-isolate.

Where your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 whilst at school, they will continue to be sent home in line with previously established protocols. Where this impacts on your child, we will contact you and ask you to collect them as soon as possible. In this instance, we would recommend that your child completes a PCR test as soon as possible and self-isolates until it is confirmed that they do not have COVID-19 or their self-isolation period ends.

Close Contacts

It remains the case that should your child be a close contact of a person who has tested positive, they should continue to attend school as normal. Only if they develop symptoms of COVID-19 should they not attend school. This also applies where members of a child's household have tested positive.

And finally...

As always, our school will remain under local advice and guidance from North Yorkshire Public Health who may require re-instatement of additional control measures such as face coverings, testing or 'bubbles' should things change; let's just hope that it doesn't come to that.

As always, thank you for your on-going support,

Yours sincerely,

Miriam Oakley
Headteacher