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Dear Parent/Carer,

I should like to confirm the latest guidance from the Government with regards to their 'Living with Covid' plan.

Covid cases within the school have reduced significantly in recent weeks. We have now started to enjoy face to face assemblies, and the Options Evening for Year 9 pupils and families will take place on Monday March 7<sup>th</sup>.

It is still important, however, that we continue to minimize the transmission of COVID:

1. If anybody feels unwell, and display COVID symptoms, then they should not attend school.
2. Maintain good personal hygiene, "catch it, kill it, bin it".
3. Hand sanitiser will remain available throughout school.
4. The site team will continue to clean throughout the day.

Whilst it has been announced that, with effect from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February, the legal requirement to self-isolate if you have a positive LFD or PCR will end, the Department for Education has stated:

*"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."*

With this in mind, it is important that you follow all guidance that is given to you upon confirmation of a positive test. You are also asked to continue to inform the school in order that we may continue to monitor the situation.

The Government has also removed the need for twice weekly asymptomatic testing and, as such, has removed the delivery of testing kits to school. If, however, you consider your child to be extremely critically vulnerable, you may wish to continue to test. Should you require a testing kit, these may be made available to you from the remaining stock that we have in school by sending an email to: [enquiries@uah.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@uah.org.uk)

The wearing of face masks is now a matter of personal preference in all areas of the school for pupils and staff. This will remain the case for the foreseeable future because, for many, this offers reassurance.

I should like to take the opportunity to thank you for the time and support that you have shown over the last two years. I should also like to commend the pupils on the resilience and flexibility that they have shown both at school and at home.

Yours sincerely,

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