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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, the government have made announcements this week of the lifting of certain legal requirements linked to COVID-19. As throughout this entire pandemic, schools and other education settings have had a variety of guidance to follow which have not always aligned with the general public expectations.

Please read a letter confirming the above information from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Service Director of Education, Jonathan Lewis and Director of Public Health for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, Jyoti Atri which can be found using this link

<https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/asset-library/Corona-Virus-Schools/Parent-Letter-February-2022.pdf>

So you know what this all means for Wheatfields pupils, I have highlighted some main points below:

- There is no longer a requirement for staff to test twice weekly.
- There is no longer a requirement for staff to wear face coverings inside our school building, but if individuals would still prefer to do this in communal spaces they can.
- There is no requirement for parents to wear face coverings during drop off or pick up. If parents are attending a meeting on the school site, we would ask you to wear a face covering.
- Mass reintroduction of face coverings may occur if we find ourselves in another outbreak situation of positive cases.
- There is no longer a legal requirement to isolate if you test positive for COVID 19 but the strong advice is that you **SHOULD NOT** be in school if you test positive for COVID 19 and you **SHOULD NOT** return to school until you have had 2 consecutive negative LFDs after day 5 and you are symptom free.
- As a school, we are able to refuse pupils and staff access to school on the following grounds linked to COVID 19:
 - If a child or adult develops one of the main 3 COVID 19 symptoms and have not had a negative PCR or LFD
 - If in my reasonable judgement, a child or adult who has tested positive could infect others with COVID 19.
- Close contacts to a positive case of COVID 19 no longer need to LFD for 7 days and/or isolate.





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- As a school we will continue to inform parents, carers and staff of positive cases of covid within school.
- If someone has one of the three main symptoms, they should obtain a PCR (until 31st March).
- Whilst LFTs are still free, please try to get a surplus of personal ones
- From 31st March, 5 to 11 year-olds will be eligible for the COVID 19 vaccination programme. This is not directed by schools and you should receive direct information about this nearer the time.
- If a child is COVID 19 symptomatic within school we will continue to isolate them, call their parents/carers to collect them and ask for them to have their child tested.
- We will gradually phase in events within school. These can return to face to face as long as I risk assess that it is safe to do so. This will ultimately be determined by the case rate of COVID 19 we have within school at any given time.

The general measures to prevent COVID 19 being spread remain until at least 1st April. Individuals can still reduce the risk of catching or passing on COVID 19 by:

- Getting vaccinated;
- Letting fresh air in if meeting indoors;
- Wearing face coverings in crowded and enclosed spaces, especially where you come into contact with people you do not usually meet, when rates of transmission are high;
- Stay at home if you are unwell;
- Taking a test if you have covid 19 symptoms, and staying at home to avoid contact with other people if you test positive;
- Washing your hands and following advice to “catch it, Bin it, Kill it”.

Kind Regards

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Wheatfields Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

