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Dear Parents,

I hope that you and the children have had a great week.

Given that there have been changes to national COVID guidance over the last few days I thought it would be helpful to update you in relation to this.

We are at the beginning of another transitional period. This time, we are beginning to 'live' with COVID, much as we do with other viruses. Therefore, it will take time to get used to the new situation.

As always, our overall aim is to keep the school open. We know that currently, COVID is milder for most people than it has been previously. However, we have seen over the past few weeks how quickly it spreads. Therefore, it is sensible for us, for now, to keep our risk assessment in place - you can find this on our website.

This risk assessment involves a 'stepping up and down' of measures based on the number of positive cases in school.

A key question that many of you may have at the moment is whether or not the children should still stay off school if they have tested positive over the half-term break. The guidance, until April 1st is:

If you have COVID-19, you should stay at home while you're infectious to others.

This can be for up to 10 days from when your symptoms start. Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days.

You can do a rapid lateral flow test from 5 days after your symptoms started (or the day you had the test if you do not have symptoms) and another the next day.

If both tests are negative and you do not have a high temperature, you're less likely to pass COVID-19 to others and you can go back to your normal routine.

If your test result is positive on day 5, you can carry on doing rapid lateral flow tests every day until you get 2 negative test results in a row.

You can find more information here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Therefore, for the time being, to help reduce transmission within our school we ask that you follow the above guidelines.

Once we have had further information from Wiltshire Council, we will update you more fully, outlining our plans for the coming months.

Best Wishes,

Mr D Cook
Headteacher