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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a good half term break and we are delighted that students have returned to CODA.

COVID-19 Update

From, Monday 21st February, the Government removed the guidance for staff and students to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing. I believe that was one of our best protective measures in keeping rates low at CODA. Therefore, I am recommending that staff and students continue with this practice. The education testing delivery channels will remain open so that staff and students of secondary age and above can access tests if needed. Staff and students are also able to access test kits from their local pharmacy or [online](#).

From Thursday 24th February, the Government removed 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.

Although Covid-19 rates are low in our locality, I would recommend that all members of our community follow the 5 full day isolation if they receive a positive Covid-19 test.

In addition, the Government will:

- No longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and have removed the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.
- End routine contact tracing. Contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests. Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual.

Covid Expectations at CODA

Cases have decreased. Therefore, we will not ask staff or students to wear face coverings in corridors or communal areas, however, should a student or staff member choose to do so, that is absolutely fine, and we will fully support this.

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However, the following protective measures will remain in place to keep everyone safe.

- Maintaining good hygiene through frequent hand cleaning/sanitising
- Following the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- Keeping regular cleaning routines
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated
- Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

The February 2022 Schools operational guidance in full, can be found here:

[Schools COVID-19 operational guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/104422/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance-2022.pdf)

Uniform Expectations from 14th March 2022

Following on from my letter dated Friday 18th February, I am reminding parents and carers that from Monday 14th March all students will be returning to wearing full uniform every day. There will be additional uniform pop up shops for families that need to refresh their uniform. The dates for these are as follows:

- Wednesday 2nd March 2022
- Thursday 10th March 2022
- Wednesday 30th March 2022
- Wednesday 27th April 2022
- Wednesday 25th May 2022
- Wednesday 29th June 2022

If there are any of our families who need further support with uniform, do not hesitate to let us know.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Smith
Proud Headteacher