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Dear Parent/Carer

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Re: Covid Procedures

We have had a few enquiries regarding the current regulations regarding Covid and I am therefore writing to share the current guidance with you.

There is no longer any legislation regarding absences as a result of Covid. If a child or adult is ill and has tested positive for Covid, their illness should be treated in the same way as any other illness. If they are too ill to attend work or school they should not do so.

The NHS has issued guidance stating that children who test positive for Covid should remain off school for a minimum of 3 days. For adults, the NHS guidance suggests they should remain off work for 5 days. Please note that this is guidance and is not enforceable.

We are currently asking parents to keep their children off school for 3-5 days depending upon how ill they are and whether they are fit and well enough to return to school. Some parents are choosing to keep their children off school until their child has a negative test. If your child is absent due to Covid they will receive an 'illness' mark on the register which is an authorised absence.

This is a parental decision but I do ask that you follow the NHS guidance as a minimum and keep your child off school until they are well and fully fit to return to school. This is to try to minimise spread of infection which could impact on our children and staff team.

Thank you so much for your co-operation. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Cross

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