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Dear Parents and Carers

This letter explains how the recent changes to the Government's COVID-19 plans affect staff and students in schools.

Prime Minister's announcement on the Living with COVID-19 plan

On Monday, the Prime Minister set out the next phase of the government's COVID-19 response, "Living with Covid". COVID-19 continues to be a virus that we learn to live with and the imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education remains.

Further information on what this means for education and childcare settings and children's social care services is below.

Changes to testing in education and childcare settings and children's social care services

From Monday 21 February, the Government removed the guidance for staff and students in most education and childcare settings to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing.

Staff and students of secondary age and above in SEND settings, alternative provision settings, and SEND units within mainstream settings or equivalent in further education colleges are advised to continue twice-weekly testing.

The education testing delivery channels will remain open so that staff and students of secondary age and above can access tests if needed to respond to local public health advice. Staff and students are also able to access test kits from their local pharmacy or online.

Changes to self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts

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.

Vaccination Programme

All 12 – 15 year old students are eligible to receive 2 doses of the coronavirus (Covid 19) vaccine. We are due to hold further vaccination clinics at school and will contact you shortly with further details. We are excited that school life is returning to normal so that our students are able to enjoy many different opportunities for the remainder of this year.

Yours sincerely

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Ms Thurston

