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Updated COVID guidance

Dear Parents & Carers,

The government have set out the next steps to living with COVID. Please find the updated guidance here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19>

- children and young people who are **unwell AND have a high temperature** should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- Adults with a **positive COVID-19 test result** should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **5 days**, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be **3 days**.
- Free testing will no longer be available to the general public.

How the virus develops over time is still unknown. COVID still poses a risk to many of us, with rates still high. That is why it is sensible to wear a mask in enclosed spaces, keep indoor spaces well ventilated and stay away from others if you have any symptoms of respiratory illness, including COVID. We have seen an increase of cases within the community over the last few weeks, which has continued to cause us challenges.

We will continue with the systems of control to help keep our community safe by ensuring rooms are well ventilated, continuing with additional cleaning routines, ensuring children and staff are washing hands regularly and following advice to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'.

Thank you for your ongoing support during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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