

Our ref: ljm/KDV/Correspondence

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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Re. Government Guidance – Self Isolation**

I would like to first thank you all for the support you have given the school in ensuring that your child is wearing full and proper school uniform again now we are moving out of winter. It has made a noticeable and positive impact on the studious atmosphere in lessons which is perfectly timed, as we move towards the examination season and into the time of year where our Year 9 students begin thinking about their GCSE options.

You will by now be aware that the government has announced another relaxing of Covid19 restrictions. As of today, no close contacts need to self-isolate unless they develop Covid19 symptoms or test positive. If your child develops symptoms, the guidance is that they should remain off school for five days but they no longer need two negative tests before returning. However, it is really important that if your child develops symptoms or is positive that they stay off school until they are better to reduce the chance of spreading the disease through the school. Students in school with Covid19 symptoms will not be allowed to stay so please ensure you check your child's health before they leave each morning.

Relaxing restrictions always comes with a mixture of relief and anxiety, we still encourage students to wear masks in the corridors and to observe good respiratory hygiene. In addition, we have ensured that classrooms remain ventilated and students remain bubbled and outside at social times to minimise the spread of the disease. I also encourage all students to be vaccinated, if they are able to, as the vaccination program helps to protect themselves and others from the effects of the disease.

We have seen cases in school drop steadily from January through to now so we are confident the time is right to make this next step in the return to normal. The more time students remain in school and the fewer distractions they have from learning, the more quickly they can develop the knowledge they need for their long-term success.

Thank you again for all of your support you have given to your children and the school. We have all done amazing things in the last two years and your help remains invaluable.

Kind regards,



**Mr K. Vernon**  
**Head Teacher**