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Dear Parent/Guardian

### Update on Covid control measures

Following the introduction of the government's 'living with Covid' guidance, I am writing to update you on the changes we have made to our Covid risk assessment and how this may impact you going forward.

#### Isolation periods

If your child displays any of the symptoms of Covid-19 (a recent onset of a new continuous cough, a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell and/ or a high temperature), they should book a PCR test and stay at home until the results are known. With effect from 1 April 2022, PCR tests will no longer be provided free of charge.

Although there is no longer a legal requirement to self-isolate, the advice is still for anybody who does test positive for Covid-19 to isolate for a minimum of 5 days. We will ask that those who test positive for Covid-19 stay away from school for 10 days, unless evidence can be provided of 2 negative lateral flow results taken 24 hours apart from day 5. This means that the earliest that your child will be able to return is day 6. If your child does test positive, we ask that this is reported to us via [mercovid@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:mercovid@maidenerleghtrust.org). Evidence of negative lateral flow results to return to school before 10 days following a positive result should also be sent to this email address. Once we have received everything that we need, we will email you to confirm that your child can return to school. **Please do not send your child back to school before e-mail confirmation is received.**

**Students can continue to attend school if anybody in the same household tests positive or if they have been identified as a close contact. There is no longer a requirement for 7 day daily tests.**

#### Testing

Students and staff will no longer be required to undertake twice weekly lateral flow tests. We do have a small supply remaining of lateral flow tests. If your child would like to collect a box to be used in the event that they become symptomatic, please ask them to collect a box from Student Services. **Please note that one only box will be provided per student and these will be provided on a first come, first served basis.**

#### Other Covid control measures

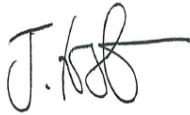
The following control measures will continue to operate for the foreseeable future:

- Extended daytime cleaning by our cleaning provider;
- Cleaning desks/ work stations at the end of each lesson;
- Regular hand sanitisation;
- Ventilation, balanced with the need to maintain a comfortable temperature;
- The optional wearing of masks in classrooms and communal areas.

Our risk assessment has been updated to reflect these additional measures and is available on our website [here](#).

Please contact me via [merooffice@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:merooffice@maidenerleghtrust.org) should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Foster', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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