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Dear Parent/Guardian

Following the latest DfE announcement, I am writing to confirm changes to isolation guidance as part of the government's 'living with covid' strategy.

From today, children and young people with symptoms of a respiratory infection, including covid-19, and a high temperature or who feel unwell are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to return to school and they no longer have a high temperature.

Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in school settings.

Any child under the age of 18 who tests positive for Covid-19 should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days, which is when they are most infectious.

If your child tests positive for covid-19, please ensure that the test result is sent to us via mercovid@maidenerleghtrust.org. We will then request that your child stays at home for a minimum of 3 days. If your child feels unwell or has a high temperature after the 3 days, please report the absence via merattendance@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Please remember that your child can attend school even if somebody in the household tests negative, as long as they do not develop a temperature or feel too unwell to be in school.

Our risk assessment will be updated and shared with you early next week.

Please contact me via meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

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