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St Gilbert's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Further to my recent letter to you regarding the removal of Covid measures, I am writing with further information for you all.

As you know, from **Thursday 24 February**, the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. However, adults and children who test positive continue to be **advised** to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days, 24 hours apart.

In addition, the Government are:

- No longer asking fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and have removed the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.
- Ending routine contact tracing. Contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests. Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual. This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home.

Should your child test positive, I would ask that they remain at home until they are well, and at least until they have tested negative on Day 5 and 6, in order to keep everyone safe. In line with the guidance, we are able to refuse attendance for a child who has a confirmed or suspected case of Covid should we feel it is necessary to protect pupils and staff. However, I do not want to be placed in this difficult position and would ask all parents and carers to remain cautious and reasonable in their decision making, in order to keep the school fully operational and for the safety of all, particularly our most vulnerable staff and pupils. Any child isolating, will continue to receive remote education in line with government expectations.

I have updated the risk assessment in line with the new guidance and will continue to keep you informed of any amendments.

My thanks to you all for your continued support.

Kind regards

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Headteacher

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