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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday, there will be changes to the school's Covid guidance from today.

"From Thursday 24th February, the Government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test, however, adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days." Schools will no longer be provided with LFD test kits for staff so the requirement for staff to test twice a week will also end.

We are aware that this guidance is quite tricky to follow as it is not completely clear on expectations. We believe it will also become harder to source LFD kits too. As a school, we want all children in school as much as possible, provided they are well enough and will therefore be taking the following approach:

- If your child is unwell and not able to attend school for any reason, report this by calling the school office 01622 754 666 before 9.15 am
- There is no longer the need to take regular LFD tests, however if your child or a member of your household does test positive for Covid, either from an LFD or PCR test, please notify the school via email - office@abc.aquilatrust.co.uk This will enable the school to monitor the number of cases and therefore consider if there is a possible 'outbreak'
- Please follow the Government guidance https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus
- If your child is well enough to attend school, they are welcome to do so
- Should we see a sharp rise in positive Covid cases we will inform you via School Comms and advise on next steps

I fully appreciate the next few weeks will be tricky to navigate as we get used to further changes and begin to 'live with Covid' as a nation.

As always, your ongoing support is appreciated.

Kind regards,

Sue Heather Headteacher









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