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Dear Families

Updated advice in relation to Covid-19

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

Following the government changes on 24th February 2022, I am writing to advise you of updates in relation to managing Covid-19 within our academy for the remainder of the Spring Term. We continue to follow the advice for schools from Rochdale Public Health and Rochdale Council and we have included in this letter updates about Covid-19 isolation, home testing and hygiene measures in school.

Although the legal requirement for people with Covid-19 infection to self-isolate has been removed, if your child has any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, public health advice remains to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. This is because Covid-19 is easily transmissible and mixing with other students and staff could lead to an outbreak within the academy.

Please follow the link <https://tinyurl.com/nheuafks> to a document from Greater Manchester Public Health which will help you to make decisions about the actions you need to take in relation to Covid-19.

If my child has Covid-19:

In line with current guidance, those testing positive are advised to stay at home for 10 days and can come out of isolation early on day six following two consecutive negative tests on days five and six.

If my child is displaying symptoms:

To manage the risk within school, if a student is displaying symptoms, they will be sent home and families are advised to book a free PCR test (up until 31st March). Where PCR tests are unavailable, we would encourage the pupil to take a lateral flow test.

Please be aware the remote learning will still be available for students who are self-isolating and feel well enough to complete work. If you have any questions about home learning, please contact your child's Head of Year.

If my child is a close contact:

In line with current guidance, close contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests, and contact tracing has ended.

If your child is a close contact, they should attend school - we do recommend that they practice good hygiene, follow social distancing where possible and wear a face covering in communal areas.

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Home Testing

From 21st February, staff and students in mainstream secondary schools are not expected to continue taking part in regular asymptomatic testing and should follow asymptomatic testing advice for the general population. Therefore, home testing kits will no longer be available in school and there is no requirement for your child to be testing at home.

Hygiene Measures in school

Although there has been a local decline in cases, the risk of infection still remains quite high in schools. Following the step down of protective measures within the community, the risk within school settings has increased and therefore we are continuing to maintain and follow the good hygiene practices in school.

We are re-establishing pre pandemic routines within school and, as I have said previously, my prime concern remains the health and safety of our students, their families, our staff and their families, whilst continuing to give students continued learning and development opportunities. I will ensure that you remain updated of any further developments should they arise in the future and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher