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Dear Parent/Guardian

Recent COVID Announcements

I wanted to update you on two COVID announcements that have occurred this week.

Firstly, it was announced on Monday that the following will be in place with immediate effect:

Confirmatory PCR testing following a positive result on a lateral flow device (LFD) will be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January provided that the person does not have any symptoms. This means that for all education and childcare settings, staff and students who have tested (either at home or through ATS) and reported a positive LFD result will no longer be advised to get a confirmatory PCR test if they do not have any symptoms.

In simple terms, this means that should your child test positive on an LFD test, they no longer need to go for a confirmatory PCR test if asymptomatic, and the LFD result should be used.

Secondly, we are expecting a delivery of face coverings from the DHSC but this is yet to arrive. As this is imminent, we have decided to waive the charge for students who forget their face covering. However, we will be picking up students who consistently fail to wear a mask and will contact parents regarding this if your child fails to meet this requirement.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Gibson
Headteacher