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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you had a restful and enjoyable half term.

The government announcement on Monday 21st February has meant several changes for schools starting back after the half term break. DfE guidance has been updated throughout the week with revised operational guidance.

In summary:

- Routine asymptomatic testing is no longer advised in mainstream settings, meaning that school staff no longer need to LFD test twice each week.
- From 24th February, the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. In addition, the Government will no longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days and routine contact tracing will end.
- Adults and children who test positive on a PCR or LFD test will continue to be advised to stay at home
 and avoid contact with 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.
- For staff or children who have any of the main symptoms, the public health advice remains unchanged and is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They should order a PCR test and are advised to stay at home while waiting for the result.

In regards to the procedures in place at Littledean C of E Primary School, please note the following:

- Start and finish times will remain unchanged for the foreseeable future.
- We will no longer ask parents/carers to wear face masks when dropping off and picking up.
- We will resume gathering together as a whole school for occasions such as collective worship.
- We will review our procedures in regards to allowing large groups of parents into school over the next few
 days and will update you on this as soon as possible.

We hope that this 'living with COVID guidance' is clear and allows us to move forward, improve our attendance and continue to focus on providing the best possible experience for all of our children.

Yours sincerely

Hayley McGoldrick Head Teacher

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