

25th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope that this letter finds you well and having enjoyed a restful half-term break. I am once again writing to you to share details of latest changes to national guidance around Covid-19. As promised, we will look to keep you informed of any changes which may affect our school communities.

As you are no doubt aware, the latest announcement represents significant movement in the Government strategy and associated guidance to schools. The latest guidance is designed to support arrangements around **'Living with Covid'**.

All schools will retain a risk assessment, and the actions taken in relation to this may be 'stepped up' in the event of an identified outbreak or variant of concern.

We are acutely aware that Covid-19 remains with us in our communities. Therefore, we are asking that all staff and parents follow all relevant guidance in relation to Covid-19.

I would particularly draw your attention to the guidance on when to self-isolate:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

It should be noted that although there is no longer a legal requirement to self-isolate, a person who has Covid-19 symptoms or has tested positive is still advised to stay at home and avoid contact with others. The above guidance explains in further detail what to do if you if your child tests positive. Parents should be aware that schools reserve the right to not allow children who have tested positive or who are displaying Covid-19 symptoms to the school, as a measure to ensure the safety and well-being of others. This is not the case for any child who is a close contact fo a positive case, including those who have a positive case within the household.

As always, Waterton Academy Trust continues to follow Government guidance around control measures and will continue to adapt our approach in line with any changes.

Stay safe and well.



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