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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well, and that you had an enjoyable half-term break.

You will be aware that the Government announced changes to the management of Covid over the half-term break. Whilst we welcome the easing of these restrictions, we continue to move forward cautiously, ensuring the well-being of students and staff remains at the forefront of our decision making. I felt it would be helpful to share a summary of the guidance with you.

### **Asymptomatic Testing**

From 21 February, secondary aged students will no longer be expected to continue taking part in regular asymptomatic (lateral flow) testing. In the event of an outbreak Public Health may advise us to undertake testing for secondary aged students for a period of time.

### **Self-Isolation**

There is no longer a legal requirement for people with COVID-19 to self-isolate. If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, either taken with a lateral flow or PCR test, the Government advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. If your child develops symptoms, you should arrange a PCR test and avoid contact with people whilst you are waiting their test result.

### **If your child has a COVID-19 positive test result**

If your child has a positive COVID-19 test result, for the safety of all students and staff, Government advice is they should not attend school.

There is no change to the isolation period. Your child can take a lateral flow test on day five after their symptoms started or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms, followed by another test on day six. If both results are negative and they do not have a high temperature, they can safely return to school on day six. If the lateral flow tests remain positive, your child will need to isolate until they have completed two negative tests within 24 hours or after 10 days of isolation.

### **Students who are close contacts of a COVID-19 positive case**

Students who are close contacts of an infectious case can continue to attend school, but we ask you to pay special attention to COVID-19 symptoms and act accordingly.

With larger groups of students now being able to mix, I am delighted that we can return to House assemblies albeit sat within year groups. This change helps to drive the ethos and culture of Kings Academy forward, promoting our Kings' PRIDE values throughout every member of the Academy.

We will continue to review our risk assessments and adapt our approach accordingly, with the well-being and safety of all students and staff remaining our priority. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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