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Tuesday 1st March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are keeping well. As I am sure you are aware the government last week announced a number of significant changes to the national COVID-19 guidance. Subsequently the DfE has provided updated guidance for schools, students and parents moving forward. Below is a summary of the changes and how they will affect students at Scalby.

Self-isolation

- From Thursday 24th February, the government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. However, adults and students at school who test positive should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days.
- Routine contact tracing will end. Fully vaccinated, close contacts and those aged under 18 will no longer be asked to test daily for seven days, and close contacts who are not fully vaccinated will no longer be required to self-isolate.

Testing

- With immediate effect, the government has removed the guidance for students to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing. Students will need to access test kits from their local pharmacy or online. These will no longer be provided to schools.
- Students with COVID-19 symptoms should take a PCR test, stay at home and follow government guidance if positive. Students who have tested positive will continue to be advised to stay at home for five full days, and then receive two negative test results on consecutive days before returning to school.
- Students who test positive should use any test kits they already have at home to undertake testing on days five and six, before returning to school if they test negative. If they have run out, they should order additional test kits online via www.gov.uk



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Remote Education

- The regulations requiring education settings to provide remote learning to pupils isolating for COVID-related reasons will run until 24th March. Our understanding, therefore, is that schools are legally required to continue to provide remote learning in these circumstances until that date. We will await further information on this matter.

As a school we are still encouraging students to sanitise hands regularly and have enhanced cleaning regimes in communal areas. Please contact school if you have any further questions relating to COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr. C Robertson

Head of School