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Dear Parents and Carers

Covid- 19 Update

As you will be aware the government announced their plans for living with COVID-19 this week, and the DfE emailed schools and settings with an outline of these changes.

'Living with COVID-19'

We are aware that this is a change in the way that we have been working. Please be assured that we will continue working hard to monitor the situation at The Mead Infant Nursery School and manage our actions accordingly.

The key messages and changes that we have been asked to share with you are:

- Pupils and staff should attend school if they are well
- Pupils and staff should stay at home if they are unwell - schools/settings should refuse entry to those that are symptomatic or unwell
- Have a PCR test if you have COVID-19 symptoms and stay at home and avoid contact with other people if you test positive for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance (tests will remain available until the end of March 2022)
- Get vaccinated
- Let fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meet outside
- Wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, especially where coming into contact with people you do not usually meet and when rates of transmission are high
- Wash your hands and following advice to "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it"

From 21 February the Government will:

- Remove the guidance for staff and students in most education and childcare settings to undertake twice weekly asymptomatic testing.

From 24 February the Government will:

- Remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other 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
- No longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and remove the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.

As ever, if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kindest regards

Mrs T Creasey

