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Dear Kingfisher families

I hope you are all well.

As I am sure you are aware, this week sees the beginning of changes to the self-isolation guidelines. It is wonderful that after two long years, we are edging towards life without COVID restrictions, although as a community we must be mindful that this elicits different responses in those around us.

The DfE wrote to schools sharing information which I am sharing with you. The italics text comes directly from the DfE email.

*Changes to self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts:*

*From Thursday 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.*

*In addition, the Government will:*

*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.*

*Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual. This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home.*

You will see that the advice is for people who have COVID to remain at home for at least 5 full days and then follow the guidance until they have received two negative lateral flows.

Although these are now guidelines rather than legal requirements, we hope that families will choose to adhere to these guidelines. This will help to ensure that we keep our entire Kingfisher family as safe as possible.

As I mentioned earlier, members of the school community feel differently about the changes in restrictions so it goes without saying that you can continue wearing a mask on school grounds, should you wish.



Some changes at Kingfisher

### **Assemblies and open days**

We are pleased to announce that we will be able to host more assemblies and events in our school. We hope to be celebrating more of our successes together over the coming weeks and months.

### **Morning Routines**

From Monday 28th February, we will no longer routinely do temperature checks, unless advised by Public Health professionals. Our trained staff will continue to take care of any child who may develop symptoms during the school day.

As always, if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With warm regards,

Fiona Armstrong