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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID Update for Term 4 – isolation and testing

I am sure you will be aware that there have been some recent significant changes as to how society will operate in the current COVID pandemic. As such the educational guidance has also changed and I wanted to update you on Malmesbury's actions from 28 February 2022.

- **The government have removed the recommendation that staff and students test twice weekly.** Therefore, tests will not be available from school and can instead be ordered in pharmacies independently. The school will keep a small stock of tests in case of a serious outbreak where regular testing is once again recommended.
- The government has removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. **However, 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.
- We will continue to promote good hand and respiratory hygiene and keep classrooms and communal spaces well ventilated. All previous updated measures as stated in our letter before half term will also remain – i.e. no face-coverings needed and the return of assemblies.

As a reminder we will host the school age immunisation team on Thursday 3 March for HPV and COVID vaccinations. You will have already received independent consent forms for these from Virgin Care.

Yours sincerely

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