

16<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are all well. It has been a while since I sent a letter specifically regarding Covid and so I wanted to update you following the Prime Minister's announcement on 21 February 2022 regarding 'living with Covid'.

Firstly, I would like to thank the staff in school that have kept Bournville operating through the Omicron variant. Whilst the school has been operating 'as normal' for some time, we have continued to face pandemic related challenges such as staff absence and I thank parents and carers for their support during this period.

In the Prime Minister's announcement, he advised that staff and students are no longer advised to undertake twice weekly asymptomatic testing and as such, schools will no longer distribute LFD test kits. They can currently be accessed from local pharmacies or online: [www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](http://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests).

We have had a number of parents query self-isolation and, in line with government guidance, until at least 1 April 2022, staff and students that test positive for the virus should continue to self-isolate, lateral flow testing from day 5 and then continue to isolate until two negative lateral flow tests are received on consecutive days or until 10 days isolation is complete (whichever comes first).

Whilst the requirement for face coverings in schools was removed earlier this term, staff and students are able to wear these if they prefer.

Whilst in school, students will continue to have access to hand sanitiser and classrooms will remain well ventilated.

As an academy, we will continue to work with Public Health England in the event of localized outbreaks and may introduce temporary measures in line with advice.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Academy