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Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware National Guidance around COVID has changed. We are now moving towards a state of 'Living with Covid'. School's latest updates have now been released and there are some subtle changes around **if you or your child develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test.**

1. If your child has any of the main symptoms [temperature, persistent new cough, loss of taste/smell] you are **RECOMMENDED** to stay at home and arrange for a PCR test. As staying at home is **RECOMMENDED** please see 'note' below.

2. If your child develops Covid symptoms whilst in school, then we will insist you come to school as soon as possible and will **RECOMMEND** you book a PCR test. As testing is now **RECOMMENDED** please see 'note' below.

3. If you, as parents, have Covid or Covid symptoms but your child is symptom free then we would strongly encourage that your child comes into school. Please contact the school office via email [admin@st-pauls.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-pauls.gloucs.sch.uk) or by phone 01452 521872 as each case will be dealt with on an individual basis.

Note: The word 'RECOMMENDED' leaves a lot to people's interpretation therefore the latest schools' guidance issued from the Government has continued to grant school leaders the ability to **refuse a child with Covid symptoms or a child who has tested positive for Covid.**

Testing (PCR and/or LFD) is now **RECOMMENDED** so therefore;

\* If your child has Covid symptoms and **you do book a PCR test** you have options

1. If the PCR returns **negative**, and should your child be well-enough, they may return to school immediately.

2. If the PCR returns **positive** then your child is recommended to stay at home and should begin LFD testing on day 5, if your child then has two consecutive negatives and no temperature then they may return to school before the 10 days finishes.

\* If your child has Covid symptoms but **you do not want to get a PCR** then your child will need to remain at home for 10 days from onset of symptoms.

May I ask that parents continue to email/phone the admin team ([admin@st-pauls.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-pauls.gloucs.sch.uk)) if your child has Covid symptoms or has confirmed Covid.

Kind Regards,

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