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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Families,

I am writing to thank you for your continued support in ensuring excellent school attendance amongst our pupils and across our schools. We appreciate the concerted efforts you have made in sending pupils to, or if you are a pupil coming to, school regularly during the pandemic.

We are sure that you will continue to support us in maintaining high standards of attendance as COVID restrictions continue to ease. As you will no doubt be aware from *'24 February the legal requirement to self-isolate was removed and from 21 February advice for regular asymptomatic testing in most education settings was also removed. COVID-19 will now be increasingly managed in line with other infectious diseases through public health guidance'.* DFE Feb 2022.

This means that we now expect all our pupils to be attending school unless:-
1) The have a confirmed case of COVID
2) Have COVID symptoms and are waiting test results
3) Have been advised by a medical professional not to attend (written confirmation will be required)
4) Cannot attend due to restrictions put in place by the school following advice from Public Health England

With this in mind, schools will now move towards providing remote learning to only those pupils who are absent from school for these reasons. This measure will ensure that all pupils are once again motivated and encouraged to attend face to face lessons. Whilst remote learning has been paramount in providing our pupils with a continuity of education, being in school provides the best quality learning, enabling each pupil to realise their potential. Being in school is also fundamental to pupils' social and emotional well-being. It is a place they tend to be happiest too – amongst their friends.

Thank you again for you continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's school if you have any further queries regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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