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Dear Parent/Carers,

Please find attached a link to our most recent Covid risk assessment:

[https://www.grantleyfountains.co.uk/MAP.aspx?pid=Learning\\_en-GB](https://www.grantleyfountains.co.uk/MAP.aspx?pid=Learning_en-GB)

A summary of the key changes are:

- Adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a **contact** of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result. Daily testing of close contacts applies to all contacts who are:
    - fully vaccinated adults – people who have had 2 doses of an approved vaccine
    - all children and young people aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status
    - people who are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons
    - people taking part, or have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine
- \*Children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing of close contacts.
- Education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.
  - Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact.
  - Schools are not required to use the NHS COVID Pass, unless they are holding a specific event (such as a reception, concert or party) that meets the attendance thresholds.
  - Settings will continue to have a role in working with health protection teams in the case of a local outbreak. If there is a substantial increase in the number of positive cases in a setting or if

central government offers the area an enhanced response package, a director of public health might advise a setting to temporarily reintroduce some control measures

- There is no need for primary age pupils (those in year 6 and below) to regularly test, unless they have been identified as a contact for someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 and therefore advised to take lateral flow tests every day for 7 days.
  
- Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.
  
- Face coverings are worn when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas in all settings by staff and visitors unless they are exempt.
  
- School strongly encourages parents and other visitors to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test before entering the school.

As always, thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns then please don't hesitate to contact me: [headteacher@gfschools.co.uk](mailto:headteacher@gfschools.co.uk).

Kind regards,

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