



# RANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all well and that you managed to enjoy some of the half term break despite the torrid weather we experienced.

I wanted to drop you a brief letter following announcements this week in relation to Covid restrictions being modified and dropped in the coming days or weeks. A copy of the full updated guidance in relation to schools and education settings can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

Essentially a lot of the guidance has now been modified with much more emphasis now being placed upon personal responsibility, not just in school but across society. The good news is that we seem to have turned a corner in the pandemic but I would advise that we are not Covid free just yet. As I write, we currently have several students off across the school with Covid as well as 3 members of staff. My main priority, as it has been throughout the pandemic, remains the health and safety of everyone. The following points are of particular note:

- Should your child have Covid Symptoms, you should ask them to carry out a test and if confirmed, they should not come into school. The guidance around isolating is now advised as 5 days with LFD testing starting again from day 5. Negative testing on two consecutive days can bring any home isolation to an end.
- The twice weekly testing is no longer required. Your support and help in this throughout the last year has been much appreciated. School will no longer be issuing test kits. I understand that they will be available for some time yet in local pharmacies.
- We will continue to promote positive messages around good hand sanitising and good ventilation in classrooms.
- For now, should anyone in the school community feel the need to continue to wear a mask that is perfectly acceptable. Many different people across the school

community are living in different circumstances with different health conditions etc...  
We all must continue to respect that until such times as transmission is very low.

- In the event of a school spike in infections, the local public health authorities would advise us of any measures we would be required to re-introduce.

These points represent a summary of the wider, published guidance but I felt it important to share these with you. Again, thank you for all of your support in everything that has been asked of you throughout this period, it has been hugely helpful in trying to keep education as near as normal as possible. Let's hope this really is the end of this era that has been so troublesome for all of us.

As always, if you have any questions, please get in touch with your child's Head of Year in the first instance.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr. McGarry', with a long, sweeping underline that curves back to the left.

Mr M. McGarry

Headteacher