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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Re: COVID-19 update**

I am writing to you to clarify the current position for schools in light of the Government's announcement that there is no longer a legal requirement for people with COVID-19 to self-isolate.

Although the legal requirement has been removed, if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

In most cases, parents and carers will agree that a pupil with the key symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school, given the potential risk to others.

If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending school where they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, the school can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in our reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.

Whilst there is no numerical percentage specified in the latest guidance regarding what constitutes an outbreak of COVID-19 in a class, we will monitor each individual case and if necessary take reasonable precautions to limit the spread of the virus. Any decision will be taken having consulted the Herts COVID Response Team.

Remote education for those off school with COVID-19 and well enough to complete work will continue.

If you or your child have COVID-19, please refer to the table on page two of this letter, which demonstrates how to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days of self-isolation are complete.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and support in this matter.

Best regards

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Headteacher



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### How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days

