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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term and made the most of the sunny days.

As this week marks the start of Lent, Father Anthony will be leading an Ash Wednesday Liturgy on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. During the Lenten period we will encourage the children to reflect on their own attitudes and behaviour, and reach out to people in need (particularly the people of Ukraine.) The Pope has called for a day of prayer and fasting on Ash Wednesday (<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/pope-announces-day-of-prayer-and-fasting-for-ukraine>). To support your child's questioning of the concerning situation in the Ukraine, please refer to the following link: <https://metro.co.uk/2022/02/24/how-to-talk-to-children-about-whats-happening-in-ukraine-16163133/>

Please be advised that the COVID-19 Operational Guidance for schools has been updated following Boris' announcement during half term, the link for the updated guidance can be found here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1057106/220224\\_Schools\\_guidance.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1057106/220224_Schools_guidance.pdf)

The whole school risk assessment has been updated along with control measures to match the latest guidance. The main headlines are:

- Staff and visitors are not required to wear face masks in corridors and communal areas.
- There is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate, however if an individual has 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.
- Contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests, and contact tracing has ended. Staff/pupils/parents should follow the following advice if COVID positive: [COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts](#)
- Use of LFD tests has been discontinued. Staff are not required to take part in twice weekly asymptomatic testing. Further advice is available here: [Get Tested for Coronavirus Guidance](#)

- Mass gatherings (Liturgies, Masses, assemblies, parent consultation evenings) can resume face to face.
- Ventilation, and good hand and respiratory hygiene will remain good practice in the prevention of the spread of viruses and infections. 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be in place.
- Following a confirmed outbreak, the director of public health might advise that face coverings should temporarily be worn in communal areas or classrooms (by pupils, staff and visitors, unless exempt). Schools should make sure their contingency plans cover this possibility. Schools must follow the advice/direction of a Director of Public Health/ UK Health Protection Agency.

Please refer to the newsletter that you received on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February which communicated to you the return of entry and exit routes and a 3.15pm finish.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow from 8.40am.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Berry', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Emma Berry  
Headteacher