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Dear parents/carers and students,

I am delighted to be able to start this week's letter with some excellent news regarding our recent application for Artsmark accreditation. The result of our bid has been the presentation of the **Artsmark Gold Award** to the school.

The successful bid was submitted by Mrs Hobbs with support from all of the other leaders of performing and creative arts subjects. The awarding of **Artsmark Gold** reflects the school's commitment to the promotion and development of performance and creativity across the curriculum, extra curricular activities and in conjunction with the local community. Huge thanks and congratulations must go to Mrs Hobbs and everyone involved in the bid over the last two years. This is a real feather in the cap of the school and an excellent reflection of our commitment to the arts.

COVID safety measures - update

It is probably worth providing some clarity over the recent changes to the national guidance on COVID safety measures for schools. The main changes, which came into effect on 24th February, are:

- There is no longer a requirement for students and staff to take twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests
- Schools will therefore no longer be able to replenish their stocks of tests to issue to students or staff
- Close contacts of positive cases no longer have to take daily lateral flow tests for 7 days. They only need to take a test if they develop symptoms.
- PCR tests are no longer going to be routinely available, but school staff (and other key workers) can still access them if they have COVID symptoms

However the following guidance remains in place:

- Anyone developing COVID symptoms should use a Lateral Flow Test (which can still be ordered by private individuals via the [website](#)) to establish whether they have COVID. Existing tests can of course be used if you have them.
- **If you test positive you must remain in isolation for a minimum of 5 days** and maximum of 10 days. You should only leave isolation after having two negative tests which are at least 24 hours apart (and taken no earlier than day 5 or your isolation) or after 10 days of isolation

COVID cases among students have remained relatively low this week but we have seen a slight rise in the infection rates among staff. We will continue to operate basic COVID hygiene measures in school for the time being.

Many thanks for your continued support,



Simon Liley, Headteacher

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