



28th February 2022

Dear Parent / Carers

Welcome back after the half term break, during which much has changed in the world. More detailed updates - including a summary of feedback from the latest parent survey - will be provided in my usual fortnightly letter this Friday, but this communication highlights two particularly important areas for your attention.

Firstly, we have prepared a special LIFE lesson for our students on the conflict in Ukraine, focusing on a factual overview and how to seek out reliable sources of information. We know our students will have many questions about this that you will already be answering at home, but we also feel it is important that we - in school - acknowledge the conflict, seek to dispel any misunderstandings, and listen to what our young people have to say about it.

Secondly, following the changes to covid restrictions, I would like to provide two brief updates:

1. Students and staff will no longer be provided with twice-weekly tests and are not expected to test routinely at home (please note, we do have some stock left in school, so if you need some do get in touch with office@stokesleyschool.org).
2. It is no longer a legal requirement to self-isolate when testing positive for covid, but we strongly recommend that our families and staff continue to follow public health advice if they have symptoms or have recorded a positive test by staying at home. More information regarding public health advice can be found [here](#). If students do not have covid, we continue to encourage them to have the highest attendance possible to maximise learning opportunities following the pandemic.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

