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Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all, thank you for your continued support with our new procedures to try to minimise the risk of transmission of coronavirus in school. It has been wonderful having the children back in school and they have adapted really well to the new routines.

As is the case in most schools, we have had a small number of children, or members of their households, who have displayed one or more of the symptoms of Covid-19 and have sought a test. For reasons of confidentiality, school cannot inform other parents/carers when children are symptomatic; taking a test, or isolating because a member of their household is. This is following government guidance. We will, however, inform parents/carers if a case is confirmed; whether or not it affects their child's class bubble, and what action they and their family need to take.

As part of government guidelines regarding children returning to school, parents/carers must be ready and willing to:

- *[book a test](#) if they or their child are displaying symptoms. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit*
- *provide details of anyone they or their child have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace*
- *[self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or if anyone in their household develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)*

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus](#) website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet.

If your child displays symptoms of coronavirus, please inform school as soon as possible and **DO NOT** send your child or their siblings to school.

We ask that parents immediately inform school of the results of any coronavirus tests. If your child is tested, school will provide you with an email address to send this information to if your child's results come back out of school hours.

Please see the extract below for government guidance to follow after a test result comes back.

1. *If someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu - in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.*
2. *If someone tests positive, they should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.*

In order to support parents/carers to follow Public Health guidance, we have attached a parent's guide with various scenarios relating to coronavirus.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Walker

Acting Headteacher

