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Dear Parents and Carers

I'm delighted to report that we have made a particularly positive start to the new term. Both new and returning children have settled so incredibly well and I extend my thanks to both you and our incredibly hard working staff team in school for everything done in support of this.

We are mindful, however, that the pandemic is not over and we are keen to avoid complacency, particularly as the colder months draw near. We still have a number of precautions in place and we continue to closely follow all Public Health and Government guidance.

To date, we have not had any confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst the children or staff team this term and we are keen to keep cases as low as possible. Cases are rising again within the local community however. If your child does present with COVID-19 symptoms, even if they are minor, we ask that they do not come into school and for you to take them for a PCR test as soon as possible.

As we move into Winter, we will also be seeing an increase in common illnesses alongside COVID-19. Therefore, we ask that if your child is unwell you do not send them into school until they are fully recovered. This means they have been symptom free for at least 24 hours (48 hours for sickness and diarrhoea).

Updated COVID-19 Requirements: A reminder

Positive Cases

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Anyone with one or more of these symptoms must:

- self-isolate in line with

the [stay at home guidance](#)

- [book a test](#) (a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test).

Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate.

As a school we are no longer required to engage in Test and Trace activities for individuals who test positive for COVID-19. Instead, this is now being undertaken by the NHS, who will make contact directly if you or your child is highlighted to them.

Do, however, please notify us of a positive result as soon as possible, as we are monitoring absence to identify possible outbreaks that may require us to reinstate protective measures in school via our 'Outbreak Management Plan'.

Self-Isolation

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in, or are currently part of, an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, NHS Test and Trace will inform affected individuals, children or their parents or guardians that they have been in close contact with a positive case, and advise them to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Children and young people aged under 18 years and 6 months who usually attend school who have been identified as a close contact, and do not show any symptoms, should continue to attend school as normal.

We appreciate that navigating the frequently changing rules around COVID-19 can be complex and confusing at times. Should you have a query or concern that you would like to talk through, please do not hesitate to telephone us (0121) 675 0362.

As always, we are so very appreciative of your support

Kind regards

David Aldworth

Executive Head Teacher

