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Covid Cases

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back. I hope that most of you were able to enjoy the half term break. We are looking forward to another busy term full of exciting learning and celebrations. As you know from my letter last week we had a number of positive confirmed cases within two year groups. These year groups were linked with siblings.

Although the timing was frustrating and upsetting for those who tested positive as they were unable to enjoy their half terms in the ways they had planned it has given the school a natural break to curb the spread and allow for cleaning. We extend our thoughts sympathy and love to those who were unwell.

Myself and the governors will be continuing to monitor the cases and will communicate if we need to implement any changes to the current operational procedures of the school, for example staggered start and drop offs, class bubbles etc. and we will continue to work alongside Public Health.

The school remains open to all year groups and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. We encourage household members that are aged 11 and over to continue with twice weekly LFD testing to help identify cases promptly. Those eligible should also seek vaccination. Please also to continue to encourage positive hygiene, getting your children to regularly wash or sanitise hands and promoting the catch it, bin it, kill it, routine.



CATCH IT.



BIN IT.



KILL IT.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If the child has a positive test result but do not have [symptoms](#), they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or by calling 119.

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Kind regards,



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