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Dear Parent/Carer,

Absence Reporting & COVID-19

Please ensure that you report pupil absence to the office on the first morning of your child not attending school. It is important that we gather information around the reasons they are unwell so please provide these in detail.

It is particularly important to look out for symptoms of COVID-19 in your child (a temperature of 37.8°C or above, a new persistent cough or loss of, or change to, sense of taste or smell). I realise that it can be challenging to distinguish between COVID-19 symptoms and symptoms of another nature, but if any of the 3 named above are present, we must all take the appropriate action.

If your child develops any of the symptoms above, please inform the school and keep your child home. **They should isolate at home for 10 days (and other household members for 14 days including siblings).** In this event, please arrange for them to get tested as soon as possible. Tests can be booked on the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website using the link here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

Or a test can be arranged by telephoning 119.

Children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit.

I am aware of the issues around accessing the testing system at the moment. If you have problems accessing the testing, please inform me and I will support you in gaining access.

Please contact the school with any test results once you know them in order to agree a provisional date for your child and any siblings to return to school.

If your child develops symptoms, follow the 'Stay at home guidance' which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>.

This link also provides information if you have a household where children and grandparents live together. In addition, there is an easy read version of the guidance available via the web link above.



If a child within school is suspected of having COVID-19 and awaiting a test, we may need to inform their close contacts (i.e their group) that this is the case. This allows other parents to be more vigilant in looking for symptoms. We would not share any personal details in this circumstance.

If a test returned a positive result, we would take advice from the Public Health Team in relation to actions. We would also need to share some details with Cumbria County Council and their partner organisations. We would seek consent to share information at the time.

Further information about this can be found on: <https://fairfieldprimary.co.uk/key-information/covid-19-response-information>

Please be assured that we are following, and constantly reviewing, the relevant health and safety guidance to help prevent the spread of the virus. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Mr C J Steele
Headteacher

