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Dear Parents and Carers

Symptoms of possible COVID-19? Please do not send your child into school

I am writing to you in relation to COVID-19 (coronavirus).

As you know, staff at Fairfield School have been working incredibly hard over the last few weeks to manage cases of COVID-19. They are following all the public health advice and it is clear that the school is doing all it can to protect the health and wellbeing of children and their families.

In order to minimise the risk of transmitting the virus within the school setting, please ensure that you do not send your child into school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- A high temperature
- A continuous cough
- Any change to their sense of taste or smell

If they do develop any of these symptoms, please keep them at home and arrange for them to get tested. The rest of the household also needs to isolate until you know the result of the test. Follow the [‘Stay at Home’ guidance](#).


Please be aware that if you do send your child to school when they have these symptoms and they go on to test positive for COVID-19, any staff and children they have had contact with will also have to stay at home and isolate for ten days.

By following this advice, you are helping to make sure that as many families as possible can enjoy Christmas and avoid having to isolate.

If your child is unwell and you are unsure whether or not to send them in, please contact the school for further advice.

Thank you for your support in helping to control the spread of COVID-19.

Yours Sincerely,



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