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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Important Information regarding Covid-19**

This term it has come to my attention a number of parents have been sending their child into school knowing they are unwell. During this period of lockdown when Covid-19 transmission rates are high and we have many pupils and staff in school, we are asking everyone to help us stay as safe as possible. We are asking you to follow our risk assessment and keep your child at home if he or she does not feel well, even if these are not classic signs of Covid-19.

We are therefore asking that any child with any of the lower threshold symptoms to be kept off school until they are feeling better.

These symptoms are:

- aches and pains
- sore throat
- sickness or diarrhoea
- headache
- a rash on skin
- discolouration of fingers or toes

Obviously, no child should attend school if they are displaying the following Covid symptoms:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

## **Administration of Paracetamol / Ibuprofen**

A reminder, we will not be administering paracetamol during school hours for symptoms of feeling unwell or high temperature and our risk assessment states that pupils must not attend school if they have been given paracetamol/ibuprofen before the start of the school day. This is very important to ensure no symptoms of Covid-19 are masked by the effect of paracetamol/ibuprofen.

Thank you to our whole school community for working together to keep everyone safe.

Catherine Dellow  
Headteacher