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Dear Parent

We have had another good week. Though the children are tired, the vast majority have settled really well and are enjoying spending time with their friends and getting back into the school routine.

Illness

We continue to have a number of phone calls each day regarding children having either cough/cold symptoms or potential Coronavirus symptoms. Our admin team are brilliant, and will try to help. However, if you are unsure whether or not your child has Coronavirus symptoms, we suggest that you contact the NHS helpline on 111 or your GP. They will be able to advise whether you need to get a test for your child.

Coronavirus Absence: A Quick Guide

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
...my child has Coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child should not attend school• Child should be tested• Whole household self-isolates whilst waiting for a test result• Inform school immediately about test result	...when child's test comes back negative and they are well enough to return
...my child tests positive for Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child should not attend school• Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms started• Inform school immediately about test results• Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms started	...after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
...somebody in my household has Coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child should not attend school• Household member with symptoms should get a test• Whole household self-isolates whilst waiting for test result• Inform school immediately about test results	...when household member's test is negative and child does not have Coronavirus symptoms
...somebody in my household has tested positive for Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child should not attend school• Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms started	...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days
...NHS Test and Trace has	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child should not attend school	...when the child has completed 14

<p>identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with confirmed Coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days • Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too 	<p>days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
<p>...we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel • Provide information to school as per attendance policy • Do not take unauthorised leave in term time <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child should not attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child</p>

Coronavirus symptoms -

- **A high temperature** – this means you feel hot to the 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.

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

Home Learning

If your child has to self-isolate, we will provide work for them, through Class Dojo, our online learning platform. We are able to upload work and then your child will be able to post work on Class Dojo for their teacher to mark and give feedback. It is imperative that your child is able to have access to this. We will be using it for all of our children – for sending home spellings, for example, so that they get used to using it. If you are having problems logging on, please contact your child's class teacher.

If your child is ill, then obviously there is no expectation that they work at home.

Trim Trail

I would like to remind all parents that until further notice, the trim trail is out of bounds at the beginning and end of the school day.

Equipment that Children Can Bring to School

Due to the current situation, we are still limiting the amount of things that children are allowed to bring into school. From Monday, children will not be allowed to bring in balls, skipping ropes, etc. to use on the playground. We will ensure that there is enough playground equipment for them to share within their bubble.

Yours faithfully

A. Willett