

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

You will be aware of the high numbers of Coronavirus in school at the current time. We have been in constant discussion with the Local Outbreak Response Team and Public Health for the past few days and have been closely monitoring the situation.

We have been advised today to contact you with the following updated information. Please note that this is not the current general guidance being given to schools but is specific to our school based on our unique situation.

Children, with any of the following symptoms, need to self-isolate for 10 days, returning to school either on day 11 (from onset of symptoms) or when there is proof that they do not have coronavirus (i.e. a negative PCR test (**NOT** lateral flow) or doctor's diagnosis):

- High temperature/fever
- Dry persistent cough
- Change/loss in sense of taste/smell
- Abdominal pain/tummy ache
- Diarrhoea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle ache
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath

We realise that these symptoms could indicate other illnesses which is why a PCR test is strongly advised to rule out coronavirus. If you choose not to take your child for a test they will not be able to return to school until day 11. Children under the age of 5 in our school are also being advised to take PCR tests if they have been a close contact or show any of the above symptoms.

We have been advised, also, to send home children complaining of or demonstrating any of the above symptoms.

Please would you send in a screenshot or forward the email of your child's negative PCR result, if you have taken them for a test, so that we can safely bring them back into school.

Thank you for your support

Kind regards



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