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Dear Families,

## COVID-19

Following the government announcement, I wanted to clarify what the changes mean for our school. The guidance issued to schools states:

**Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious.** They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

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

If you have any of the main symptoms you **should order a PCR test**. You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result.

Other symptoms linked with COVID-19 include shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle ache, sore throat, headache, stuffy or runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting. Any of these symptoms may also have another cause.

- As previously, LA advice is that **any** individuals who become unwell with any of the non-classic symptoms are **not expected to stay at home** but are advised to take an LFD test.

It is the responsibility of parents to decide whether their child is well enough to attend school. However, If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending school where they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, school can take the decision to refuse the pupil if it is felt necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection.

The above guidance remains in place until 1st April when it will be reviewed by the government. The prime minister stressed the importance of personal responsibility and the need to show consideration to others.

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I would like to thank you all for your continued support and co-operation throughout this time.

Best wishes



E Clayton  
Headteacher

