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Dear Parents and Carers,

If you suspect that someone in your household displays COVID 19 symptoms, please find the current government advice and follow this procedure.

If your child is feeling unwell and displays any of the following symptoms, **they should remain at home:**

- New continuous cough
- Fever (temperature of 37.8°C or higher)
- loss of or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Additionally, if your child displays gastrointestinal symptoms (sickness and/or diarrhoea) and **at least one other** of the above symptoms, they should also remain at home. If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea and no other COVID 19 symptoms, they should return to school after 48hours.

You should phone school to inform them of the absence and then arrange for a test to be taken within five days. **You must inform school of the result of the test as soon as it is received by sending in a copy of the text or email.** Students will not be allowed back in until the school has received evidence of a negative test. However, if the test is positive, they should isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms before returning to school.

**FAQs: Should a child come to school if a member of their household is unwell?**

No. If a member of the child's household is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms, siblings should isolate for 14 days starting from the day the household member(s) became ill. If the child subsequently develops symptoms then they should isolate for 10 days from the date they developed symptoms. **Please note you should only obtain a test if you have any covid symptoms.**

It is vital that everyone follows this guidance in order to reduce the risk of infection and minimise the number of people who may have to isolate in the event of a positive case. If you require any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Regards,

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Headteacher

