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Covid 19 Symptoms – IMPORTANT UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support so far in making sure children are **NOT** attending school if they are showing **ANY** of the following symptoms:

- A high temperature (over 37.8 degrees)
- A continuous/persistent dry cough
- A loss of, or change in, their normal taste or smell

If your child or ANYONE in your home show signs of one or more of these symptoms the WHOLE household should self-isolate until the person with the symptoms (not those who haven't got symptoms) has had a Covid test and received a negative result.

If the result is positive the affected person must self-isolate for 10 days and the rest of the family self-isolate for 14 days. You will only be able to book a test if you have symptoms yourself. We do need you to share the result with us as parents and carers as well as Public Health England HAVE to be informed if there is a positive Covid test result for a pupil in the school.

We fully understand that there will be lots of colds and bugs going around at the moment, but we have to follow guidance in order to keep everyone in school as safe as possible, meaning children with ANY of these symptoms must stay at home.

We understand that some children with asthma, may cough at certain times of year depending on how well their asthma is managed, but you will know whether the cough is their usual cough and this is unlikely to be persistent and continuous.

We understand that there are frustrations with the current testing system and that being able to book a drive through test or even a home testing kit is a challenge. However, if your child has symptoms and you cannot get a test then they will have to be off for the full 10 days before they can return. Children are not able to return (even if the 10 days are up) if they still have a temperature in line with current guidance.

This will be a challenging term for many families, including the families of our staff, who also have to follow the same guidelines. However, we will continue to follow guidance and procedures as per our risk assessment to keep all our children and staff as safe as possible.

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs K Scott