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Dear Parent/Carer

Now that schools have returned to being fully open, it is essential that you keep us informed if your child is not attending for any reason as all absences will be followed up. We are now experiencing additional demands in administration due to Covid-19 and I would appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

If your child is unwell, it is important that you follow the guidance if they are displaying any Covid-19 symptoms.

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are 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)

For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above, stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19 - go to <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name> to arrange.

The link below gives further advice about self-isolating and how to manage this within the household.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you are awaiting test results the whole family should self-isolate until the outcome of the test is known.

There appears to be an increase in the current demand for testing and I have received reports of people being offered appointments which are many miles away. I am assured that where this is the case, you need to refresh the site and try for a nearer appointment.

Whenever possible you should seek an appointment at a local testing centre; we do have a limited number of home testing kits available at the school for exceptional circumstances. These are the same testing kits that are used if you request a home testing kit but they need to be posted and the results will be slower to come through.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Stay safe

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