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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may have read or seen in the news from today covid measures and rules have been changed in England. From April 1st, schools have been directed by the DfE to no longer carry out any asymptomatic testing for covid among staff and it is now no longer possible to book a PCR test if someone presents with symptoms.

It has been lovely to return to a much more “normal” school life this past term, it goes without saying that we still need to be careful in our response towards managing covid.

At school, we are still maintaining an enhanced regime of cleaning throughout the day. We are also making sure our classrooms are as well ventilated as possible.

From today it may not be possible to know if someone has covid. Members of the community may still have access to lateral flow tests that can confirm a test but these will become less and less accessible. Others may be able to buy lateral flow tests for personal use.

The latest DfE guidance advises:

**Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection**, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.

We love having adults in school but we would continue to ask that if an adult is feeling unwell that they do not come into school.

For children the DfE advises:

**Children and young people who are unwell** and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

It is most likely that, moving forward, we will not know whether or not someone has covid. We know from most of our children that symptoms do appear mild and comparable with a very bad cold or mild flu, however, we also know that it affects people in many different ways. It goes without saying that we want children in school and learning as much as possible but we also want to ensure that our whole school community - staff, children and families, stay as healthy as possible. We would ask that where children are unwell they are kept at home - if a child presents with a high temperature we will ask that they are collected and kept at home until their temperature returns to normal without medication. This enables other children to be able to continue to attend school without becoming unwell and for us to be able to keep school safely staffed.





The guidance has also changed regarding a positive covid test. If an adult tests positive for coronavirus they are asked to try and isolate for 5 days. If a child tests positive they should isolate for 3 days. There is no need for a negative test on the final day of isolation.

As always, we are always grateful for your kind words and support. These next few weeks will be uncharted territory for us but knowing our school community, I know we are brilliantly placed to support each other.

Yours sincerely,

Mr King

