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Dear Parents and Carers

Update on Coronavirus advice.

We have reached that time of the year when many children have general illness and some of those symptoms might include coughs, colds and temperature spikes, which could be confused with symptoms of coronavirus.

We understand and appreciate that parents are being especially vigilant about the symptoms of coronavirus which are specifically:

- **A high temperature** – this means your child feels hot to touch on your chest or back
- **A new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more those continuous coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- **A loss or change to the sense of smell or taste** – this means your child has noticed they cannot taste or smell anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child has any of the symptoms listed above they will be asked to self-isolate for a period of 10 days and you should request a test for them by calling 119 and follow advice. Please let us know and do not send your child to school.

If your child develops symptoms in school we will ask you to collect them, self-isolate and book a test for them. You must keep them at home pending the test results.

If your child has a negative test result they can return to school, but they need to have been clear of symptoms for 48 hours and no-one in the household has COVID-19 symptoms.

If a pupil or member of staff in your child's bubble develops symptoms:

We will ask them to have a test and remain at home pending results. Our teaching staff now have access to testing for frontline workers.

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While we await the results of the test other children and staff in that bubble may continue to attend school as normal.

What happens next?

Negative test result

Where the pupil/member of staff tests negative they can return to school and members of their household can end their period of self-isolation unless they have symptoms. They need to have been clear of symptoms for 48 hours and no-one in the household has any COVID-19 symptoms.

Positive test result

Where the pupil/member of staff tests positive, parents of children in the bubble will be informed and the members of the bubble (children and staff) will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days. This means not going out of the home and not having contact with others or visitors to the home as far as possible. The individual child / staff will not be named and personally identifiable information will not be included. We will let you know the date when your child is able to return to school.

Other members of households of that wider bubble do not need to self-isolate unless the child/member of staff they live with subsequently develops symptoms. You cannot request a test without symptoms.

Parents can expect to be informed of positive test information from school for your bubble and will be advised if any additional measures are required or advised by Public health. We will not inform parents daily of every child or member of staff showing possible symptoms that are general illness or colds.

Household members showing symptoms:

The individual with symptoms should self-isolate for 10 days and book a test.

Anyone who the individual lives with must also isolate for 14 days unless the test result comes back negative and the tested person is clear of symptoms for 48 hours.

You can only book a test if you have symptoms.

We are receiving guidance updates frequently for schools and I will update you. If you have any concerns about the procedures listed above or require further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Head of School