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Covid 19 Update

Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to thank everyone who has been working with us since our return to school to ensure we are continuing to do everything we can to keep the children and adults safe. As you are aware, we continue to have many Covid cases in our community and we need to do everything we can to prevent illness and ensure we follow the guidance to work together to reduce the number of positive cases.

We appreciate that at this time of year, we are beginning to get more coughs and cold related illnesses but it is vital that we continue to follow the current guidance. In the majority of cases, tests are returning a negative outcome but we need to ensure that everyone who displays symptoms, no matter how minor, has a PCR test.

The current guidance says:

If anyone in your school develops [COVID-19 symptoms](#), however mild, you should send them home and they should follow public health advice.

There has been some confusion regarding the type of test that you need to take if your child displays symptoms and we ask you to take them for a PCR test.

Tests for COVID-19

There are 2 main types of test currently being used to detect if someone has COVID-19:

- polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests
- lateral flow device antigen (LFD) tests - also known as rapid lateral flow tests

PCR tests are the most reliable COVID-19 tests. It takes some time to get the results because they are usually processed in a laboratory. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should [arrange to have a PCR test](#).

If you or your child has COVID 19 symptoms then you must follow the link above and book a PCR test. People who live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 can also take a PCR test, as they are at higher risk of being infected even if they do not have symptoms.

LFD tests are the tests we do regularly at home and are not as accurate as PCR tests so we are not able to have a child in school with COVID 19 symptoms even if they have had a negative LFD test.

Please can you continue to inform the school office if your child is off school due to COVID 19 symptoms and is awaiting test results. If your child's PCR returns a negative result, they may return to school but please continue to LFD test them in the case of circumstances changing.

If you are carrying out LFD tests, please remember to report the outcome on the Government website.

Please follow this link: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

With your ongoing help and support, I am confident we can work together to keep everyone safe in our school and local community. If you are ever in doubt about what to do, please don't hesitate to contact us for further advice.

The latest guidance for parents can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

Kind Regards

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