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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID19 Update

We wanted to communicate with you regarding the situation with positive COVID19 cases since we returned from the Christmas holiday. The number of COVID19 cases has been steadily rising across the school and since the weekend, cases have risen further across most classes.

Please could you continue to ensure you keep your child at home and book a PCR test if they display any of the recognised symptoms:

- a high temperature – this means you feel 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 coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Other symptoms we have been made aware of appear to include headaches, vomiting and an upset stomach. If you have any concerns that your child is displaying any of these symptoms we recommend carrying out an LFT to rule anything out.

We would recommend you carry out an LFD test if you have any concerns your child is displaying symptoms linked to COVID19 or if they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive. If this is positive, you no longer need to book a PCR test but you must report the outcome on the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> . However, if your child is displaying symptoms, a PCR test is still required to be taken.

We continue to work hard with our infection control measures including enhanced cleaning and frequent hand washing and sanitising. All of these measures ensure our children and staff are as safe as possible. Please note that children should not wear a mask in Primary School settings.

We appreciate your support in this continually challenging time and apologise for any short notice communication. We are in regular contact with the Public Health Team and sometimes need to make changes quickly.

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>

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Please notify the office or myself if your child tests positive for COVID19 and we will organise a work pack to be sent out to them.

Kind Regards

Nichola Allerston

Acting Executive Head Teacher

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