

November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

**Autumn Term message from Chris Hill, CEO**

Further to my letter to you at the end of last half term, you will be aware that there has been a significant increase in Covid-19 cases in the local area and our schools are starting to feel the effects of staff and pupils who have tested positive.

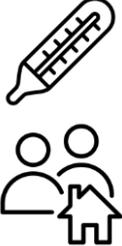
We are making our best efforts to reduce risk in our schools and acting rapidly when positive cases and suspected cases are detected or reported. We can reduce disruption to education if we all act swiftly and strictly follow the guidance for when someone is showing symptoms and for anyone testing positive.

**Please do not send children to school if you know they are:**

	<p>Displaying any of the main symptoms of Covid-19</p>
	<p>Living with someone displaying symptoms</p>
	<p>Living with someone who has tested positive</p>
	<p>Been in close contact with someone that has tested positive</p>

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	<p><b>If anyone in your household has coronavirus symptoms, they must stay at home and away from other people.</b></p> <p>This means that you and all the other people who live with them must stay at home for 14 days, too.</p> <p>Most people who have coronavirus just feel a bit poorly for a week or so, but if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have a new cough that doesn't go away</li> <li>• keep feeling hotter than normal</li> <li>• can't taste or smell things like you normally would</li> </ul> <p><b>Ask for a test by going on the internet at NHS.UK or by phoning NHS 119.</b></p>
<p><b>You must still stay at home for the full 14 days even if you get a test result that says you do not have coronavirus.</b></p> <p><b>You must not go to work or send your children to school while you wait for the test results.</b></p>	
	<p><b>If you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive or if you are told you have been close to someone who has tested positive:</b></p> <p>You must stay at home and away from other people for 14 days. This means you must stay at home for 14 days after the last day you were close to the person who has been told they have the coronavirus.</p> <p>If you do not have symptoms you do not need to have a test, but you must still stay home.</p> <p>If you do not have symptoms, other people who live in your house do not have to stay at home with you.</p>

Thank you for keeping our school communities safe.



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