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Dear Parents and Carers

We wanted to let you know that we have unfortunately had a few more positive cases of Covid-19 in the school community over this week.

As in the previous instances, we have been exceptionally cautious and have been sending home classes and other close contacts to isolate. We would very much like to thank the parents of these children for being so supportive in collecting them from the school at short notice.

We continue to work very closely with Public Health England who are confident that the school is doing everything possible to reduce the risk to our school community.

Our teachers and support staff are continuing to work hard in school delivering lessons, as well as working with our students at home through remote learning.

Thank you again for all your support at this challenging time.

Yours faithfully

Ms Y Peden Headteacher Government information link for parents:

What parents and carers need to know about schools in the autumn term.

What to do if you or your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If you or your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-auidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- •new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

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For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child or anyone in the household develop symptoms, you can seek advice from nhs.uk website at:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms /. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at https://111.nhs.uk/ or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze

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put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

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