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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update

As you may be aware Government guidance regarding Coronavirus has been updated. Our School reopens to all students on Tuesday 19th April so I would like to take this opportunity to provide a summary of the latest guidance as shown below. Please also be aware routine free testing has ended so schools can no longer provide test kits.

The list of symptoms to look out for has also been updated to include:

- A high temperature or shivering
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- Shortness of breath
- Feeling tired or exhausted
- An aching body
- A headache
- A sore throat
- A blocked or runny nose
- Loss of appetite
- Diarrhoea
- Feeling sick or being sick

Your child should stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have these symptoms and they either:

- Have a high temperature
- Do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

They can go back to school when they feel better or do not have a high temperature. It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

Schools are still recommended to keep additional cleaning, hand sanitation and ventilation methods in place to help reduce the spread of the virus.

In the weeks leading up to the Easter holiday, we had a significant number of cases among our staff but positive cases among students remained low. The high staff absence had a considerable impact on the school and serious consideration was given to sending some year groups home but thankfully we managed to avoid taking this step.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher