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Dear Parents & Carers

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to say welcome back! I hope you all managed to have a nice Easter break – the weather certainly helped.

As we head into Term 5, I wanted to update you on the Covid situation in school. Covid is clearly here to stay and we are all learning how to live with it in our community. School will continue all its current measures to ensure we keep infection to a minimum including ventilation of all areas, enhanced cleaning, particularly of high touch areas, good hand hygiene and the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' message with children.

We will also be looking to reinstate some of the lovely parts of school life that we have been missing for so long including our whole school assemblies and Sports Day, as examples, so watch this space.

To support us with this, I would like to share with you the latest Government Covid guidance and ask you to use it as a guide.

What to do if you have a positive COVID-19 test result

Try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people

If you have a positive COVID-19 test result, it is very likely that you have COVID-19 even if you do not have any symptoms. You can pass on the infection to others, even if you have no symptoms. Many people with COVID-19 will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days. If you have a positive COVID-19 test result, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test. There is different advice for children under 18 years of age (see below).

At the end of this period, if you have a high temperature or feel unwell, try to follow this advice until you feel well enough to resume normal activities and you no longer have a high temperature if you had one. Although many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days, some people may be infectious to other people for up to 10 days from the start of their infection. You should avoid meeting people at higher risk of becoming seriously unwell from COVID-19, especially [those whose immune system means that they are at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19, despite vaccination](#), for 10 days after the day you took your test.

When children and young people with symptoms should stay at home and when they can return to education

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive test result

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. 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 and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

Vaccinations

From April, children aged 5-11 have been able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Parents of 5-11 year olds will receive a letter from the NHS with further information. [Online bookings](#) for 5-11 year olds opened in April.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. By following this advice, we should be able to navigate our way safely through a successful summer term. We are very much looking forward to the term ahead.

Kind regards



Mrs R Osgodby
HEADTEACHER

