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Dear Parent

I hope you enjoyed a relaxing half-term break. I am writing to thank you for your continued support of the school since we returned in August. We have been really pleased with the resilience and positivity shown by our students to the many different systems we have in place due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Our stringent safety measures have been successful so far, leading to most students receiving an uninterrupted education to this point. However, we are not complacent, and realise that this could change very quickly. Therefore, I wanted to remind you of what should happen if your child, or anybody else within your household experiences COVID-19 symptoms.

Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **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

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What to do if you have symptoms

If your child, or anybody else within the household, has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. **Do not send your child/children to school.** Notify the school immediately.
2. Get a test to check if you/they have coronavirus **as soon as possible**.
3. You and anyone you live with should stay at home and not have visitors **until you get your test result** – only leave your home to have a test.
4. Call the school for further advice when you get the test result.

Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

Yours faithfully



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