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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, welcome back! It has been lovely seeing all of our children back in school and being great ambassadors! It has also been great to finally meet many of you when I have been on the gates before and after school. I have asked staff to show visibility be on the playgrounds to support with our routines and answer any queries you may have. If they ask you to stand in a different place or to distance further, please show your understanding – they are simply trying to make it safe.

I want to thank you for your support with our new routines, which we are having to put in place during this period of Covid-19. This week as been a learning experience for all of us and we have adapted and improved as we have gone along. We know it is not ideal for everybody but we need to do this in order to keep everybody as safe as possible. Our drop/off collection times have improved each day this week and that is all thanks to your understanding. Can I please just remind you that you need to socially distance – this includes at the school gates. We are still seeing groups of families congregating together without the necessary distance or safety measures in place.

I would like to update you on the latest guidance around what to do in the event of anybody in your household showing symptoms:

Scenario	Actions	Impact of test results or development of symptoms
Your child has developed symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isolate for 10-days starting immediately. Follow government advice on staying at home. Obtain a test as soon as possible and within a maximum of 72-hours of the onset of symptoms. 	<p>Test = positive: return to school after 10-days, provided temperature has returned to normal.</p> <p>Test = negative: return to school as soon as fit to do so</p> <p>Test = inconclusive: treat as though positive and book a re-test.</p>
Somebody in your household has developed symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The whole household isolates for 14-days starting immediately. Follow government advice on staying at home. Ensure the household member with symptoms obtains a test as soon as possible and within 	<p>Test = positive: continue to isolate for a minimum of 14-days.</p> <p>Test = negative: children can return to school as normal.</p> <p>If child develops symptoms during the 14-day isolation period:</p> <p>- Continue to isolate for 10-days</p>



	a maximum of 72-hours of the onset of symptoms.	from onset of symptoms. - Obtain a test for Covid-19 as soon as possible.
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I know that this can be quite confusing so if you are ever unsure as to what action you need to take, please ring the school and we can advise you.

As far as the first week back at school goes, I have been very impressed with our children's maturity and ability to adapt to the new routines. I am committed to providing the very best for our children and I am confident that we can build a strong partnership so that we can do this together.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours Sincerely,



Stuart Mills
Headteacher