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Covid 19 Update

Dear Parents & Carers,

There are an increasing number of children absent from school with common cold symptoms. As you know, the symptoms for a cold can be the same as Covid-19 symptoms so please can we continue with extra vigilance. There has been an increase in Covid-19 positive cases in South Northamptonshire recently.

If you are in any doubt about symptoms, please keep your child at home as an extra precaution to monitor. If you are reporting your child's absence to the school office, please can you be **specific** with the reasons for absence.

If your child has any of the main symptoms, please get a PCR test (not lateral flow) for your child, let us know that you are doing this and the result. Please isolate while you are waiting for test results.

As a reminder, the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) 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
- If you have any of these symptoms, get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result.

We have to monitor very carefully to continue keeping our community safe and our school in full operation. With the next stage of the roadmap lifting restrictions further on Monday, we should continue being very mindful of the virus. The guidance remains the same on bubble closures, should we have any positive cases, and our protective measures in school remain the same.

Thank you as always for your support.

Kind regards,



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