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Dear Parents and carers,

We have come to the end of the first two weeks of school being fully reopened. I wanted to communicate my thanks to you as a community for your support in making this go so well.

You have been brilliant in 'flowing' safely on and off the site and this system is working very well. Thank you for not using school road for cars, this has made such a difference and it feels so much calmer and safer for the children. I asked you for your support on this and you have really given it. We may need our umbrellas and warmer coats as the autumn approaches but it is working!

Could I ask that you continue to restrict pick-ups and drop offs to 1 adult per child on site to keep numbers low and with rising infection rates nationally, we are even more careful with wearing masks.

I am aware of how difficult it is when your child presents with 'Covid symptoms' and ask that you please understand that we have to follow the guidelines set out by the government and public health advice. We share your frustrations in not being able to access tests and can only hope that this situation will be improved in coming weeks.

So just to remind you of the guidance, we are sending it once again with this letter. See info at the bottom of my letter.

I know I have talked to many of you by phone or email this week and I do hope you feel you can communicate with us as closely as possible. We will always respond to the need for a call if you need one. Please remember teachers cannot talk to you at the drop off and collection points because of the need to keep space around everyone.

The children have really been a credit to you in the way they have come back to school. They are trying really hard to follow new routines and instructions as well as getting to know new staff. We are impressed as well with your 'home learning', lots of children showing us they have learnt new skills as well as not forgetting or falling behind. We are already assessing for 'gaps' and implementing a 'catch up' plan where needed. Lots of smiles from everyone!

Many thanks to those of you who have responded to our survey about 'home learning' it has been so positive. It will also help us to be ready for any periods of further isolation should this be necessary. Please let us know if you need any help to access the online learning we will provide.

Wishing you all a good weekend,

Mrs C. Homes



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What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms should seek a test and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home only.

If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)



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For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

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