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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been great to welcome back all students and staff in what has been a very positive and enthusiastic start to the term.

As previously mentioned in my letter last week, we have spent a lot of time preparing for a return to school following all the health and safety guidelines and implementing various Covid-19 secure measures around the school.

It is important for us to be aware that Covid-19 remains in the community. Therefore, in order to keep staff and students as safe as possible in school, I would like to inform you of the latest guidelines (28-08-20) stated below:

In the event that a student, member of staff or members of their household show symptoms or is tested positive for COVID-19.

1. Pupils, staff and other adults should not come into the school if they have [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#):
 - high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
 - 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)
 - 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
2. If anyone in the school becomes unwell with the symptoms above, they must be moved to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, sent home and advised to follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).
3. Parents and staff to inform school immediately of the results of a test and follow this guidance:

If someone tests negative:

If they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.

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If someone tests positive:

They should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

4. Any students who have been in close contact with the person sent home do not need to go home to self-isolate unless;
 - They develop symptoms themselves (in which case, they should arrange a test).
 - If the symptomatic person subsequently tests positive or they have been requested to do so by NHS Test and Trace.
5. If they have tested positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10-day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms. The school must be informed. Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.
6. Everyone must wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and running water or use hand sanitiser after any contact with someone who is unwell.

I will continue to keep you updated with the government guidelines and advice from the Department for Education and in the meantime, thank you for your support during this challenging time.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Smyrk', written over a faint dotted grid background.

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