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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all pleased to be back in school and the start of term has gone really well so far. The children have all settled and are already working hard. It is great to see the children mixing more on the playground at playtimes and to see the hall full of happy children for PE and at lunchtimes.

Today, I am writing to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give all our children the best education in the safest way possible. One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, staff, and families is testing for coronavirus.

When deciding whether your child needs to have a PCR test please follow these principles:

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
 1. a high temperature: any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
 2. a new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
 3. a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have the above listed symptoms.
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above.

We would like to remind all parents that if children are showing symptoms of Covid-19 it is recommended that you book a PCR test and not use Lateral Flow Devices.

I would also like to clarify the current rules and guidance on self-isolation. As you may know there are no longer bubbles in schools and we no longer need to close classes if there is a case within a class or year group, unless directed to by PHE in the case of a local outbreak. We would like the children to be in school for as much time as possible this academic year.

Children only need to self-isolate and be kept off school if they are showing symptoms of Covid –19. If someone else in the household has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, other family members do not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- They are fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- They are under 18 years, 6 months old
- They are taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial

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- They are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons (confirmed by a medical professional)

Wishing all our pupils and families a happy and healthy school year ahead.

Kind regards

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