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COVID-19

Dear Parent/Carer

We wanted to contact you regarding health issues and attendance as these days it may seem difficult for many to know the right thing to do.

We are happy to see that the majority of our pupils have returned to school and they seem to have settled into the new systems and ways of working with ease. However, having everyone back at school seems to have caused a sudden jump in the amounts of colds not just at the Federation of Westminster Special Schools but also in many Local Authority schools. This not entirely unexpected as this is the first time we have been part of larger groups in a long time. It's almost like starting the school all over again- we'll all have to re-acclimatise.

The COVID-19 measures we have in place are specifically for COVID. It means that if your child has a cold, they should still come to school just like they did last year if they are well enough. If your child has cold symptoms such as a blocked or runny nose, a sore throat, itchy eyes, they can still come to school.

If you or anyone in your household has **COVID symptoms**, please **do not send/bring your child to school or come onto the school site**. COVID-19 symptoms are: **a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to the sense of smell or taste**. We know that it may be difficult to recognise some of the symptoms in your child but you can visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> where the site will help you to check the symptoms of your child and household.

If your child or anyone in your household has any of these symptoms, you should only leave your house to get a test which you should do as soon as possible. In order to get a test, you can call 111 or 119 or contact them online at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. We have a small limited number of home testing kits, if you feel you are unable to book a test or request one for yourself then please let the school know. Unfortunately we will not be able to provide one to all who may request one.

Please note that if you inform us that your child has COVID-19 symptoms, we will expect your child to self-isolate for **10 days** or get them tested before they return to school.

Thank you for supporting us to get our children back to learning as well as keeping everyone safe.

Kind regards,
Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee School and College Park School.