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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well

I am sure the news about the new coronavirus variant over the weekend may have caused anxiety for many of you, as it has for us in school.

We extend our particular concern to those with family members/friends who are unwell or who may already have plans to visit family/friends disrupted.

There have not yet been any specific changes in the guidance for schools that impact on our working practices and risk assessment, but we are monitoring this closely with colleagues in Public Health and will keep you informed.

You will be aware:

- Staff always wearing face coverings when working with children/young people,
- We have established hygiene routines in place
- We are able to ventilate the school (balancing this with the colder weather and using CO2 monitors to support this).

We are also asking that parents wear a face covering when coming to school.

The link to the latest guidance for how to recognise and act if your child/young person develops symptoms of COVID-19 are given again at the end of this email. And the guidance for adults.

Please remember, we have been advised that COVID-19 can present with other symptoms and the main three and that we should have a low threshold for other "cold-like" symptoms and considering staying at home and/or taking a COVID test in these cases. These symptoms can include headache, sore throat, runny nose and fever.

If your child has any of the symptoms in school, we will call you to collect your child and request that you do a COVID 19 test. Should the test be negative, your child can return to school, however if it is positive, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days, as per government guidelines.

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If you need more tests, you can request these from school (for your child/young person) or from the NHS/chemist for your family. If you want any support to start testing, then please let us know and we can help.

Access to vaccinations/boosters, for COVID-19 and flu vaccines continue to be widely available and if you want any support or information on how to access these then please contact your GP, the NHS or school for advice on how to do this.

Thank you again for all you are doing to help to keep ourselves, our families, our school, and our communities safe.

Please contact us if you need support or advice, or reassurance, with anything.

All best wishes

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