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Good afternoon everyone,

It has been brilliant to have our school community back together again after so long apart. The children have been amazing and have adapted well to the very strange way of working at present. Thank you to everyone for the hard work you have put in over the last six months.

I would also like to thank you for the support you have shown for our new drop off and pick up arrangements. I know it can be difficult to manage and we had hoped that we could review the process next week. Sadly, the new local restrictions and rising Coronavirus case numbers have meant that it is more important than ever to maintain our distancing plans so the current arrangements for beginning and end of the school day will have to stay in place for a while longer.

Just a reminder that if you have more than one child in school you should bring them to the earliest start time and collect at the latest time for your family. This ensures that social distancing between bubbles can be maintained and the children get their full time in school each day.

Please do not come earlier or gather in groups in the yard- it is good to chat to other parents but we must avoid mixing bubbles and keep to 2 metre social distancing to make our site safe.

What to do if your child is ill.

I am extremely grateful to parents who have suspected that their child might have the virus and have taken them for a test. Thankfully the results so far have been negative.

It is important to be clear about the coronavirus symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a 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)
- a 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

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

If your child shows the symptoms of Covid-19

- **Do not send them to school**
- Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible. COVID NHS number 119
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test

. · Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

· Inform school of the test result– if the child’s test shows a negative result they may return to school when they are well.

- If the child’s test shows a positive result they are to self-isolate **for at least ten days** and until the temperature has gone.
- The rest of the class will be advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of the children asked to isolate do not need to isolate unless that child also shows symptoms.

If a child becomes ill with COVID 19 symptoms in school they will be isolated immediately and sent home. Their parents will be asked to take them for a test and inform school of the result as soon as possible.

As above, if is negative the child can return when well, if positive their class will isolate for 14 days. Should there be a confirmed case, school will contact the parents of the children in that class and will continue to seek advice from the Health Protection team at the Local Authority .Classes who are asked to isolate for fourteen days will receive access to Oak Academy lessons for that period and staff will check in with them over the two weeks.

We all hope that this will not be necessary and appreciate how disruptive this would be to families but it is essential that we have a plan to continue education for those who have to isolate.

Once again thank you to you all, stay safe and God Bless

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