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Dear Parents

Firstly, I just want to say how absolutely delighted I am with the way that all of our children, especially our youngest Nursery and Reception, have been coming into school and adapting to the routines and systems we have in place for keeping them as safe as possible during our new normal. Huge thanks to all of the staff, especially our cleaning and catering teams, and to the teaching staff for their additional cleaning duties too on top of teaching and learning - everyone is working well, keeping to our risk assessments, to keep everyone safe.

With that in mind, I would like to reassure you that we do have Emergency Plans in place at both schools should we become aware of any child or adult who has tested positive for COVID-19. As you know, we are currently working in class bubbles so if a child within any bubble tests positive, the whole bubble will have to self-isolate for 14 days, protecting the other bubbles in the school. The children at home will then be provided with 'remote learning' via our School360 classroom, which we used throughout lockdown. For our Nursery and Reception at Longhorsley, we will continue to use Tapestry. Details of access to Remote Learning will be provided to you in the event of having to send your child home, however, it will follow the same pattern of a Literacy and Numeracy set task in the morning and two other subjects in the afternoon, following the class's current time table and the Learning Journey of objectives which have already been shared with you for the term. Work will be submitted daily with the Class Teacher feeding back. In the event that the Class Teacher is unwell, another member of staff will be allocated to support the remote learning. To help us prepare as well as we can, please could you use the following link to access and complete our Google form to let us know whether you have internet access, sufficient access to laptops, or whether hard copies would be the most helpful:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMNxr8jfqv8BpTIH07weyxYNil5v_BfnGzmdQ2MnMQ3xaWQQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628

Please also ensure that we have your most up to date contacts as we may have to ring you at any time to collect your child.



We would also be grateful if you could continue to follow all government guidance:

- that you do not send your child to school if they are showing [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)
- or someone in their household is showing symptoms and that you collect your child from school immediately if they are displaying any signs of symptoms

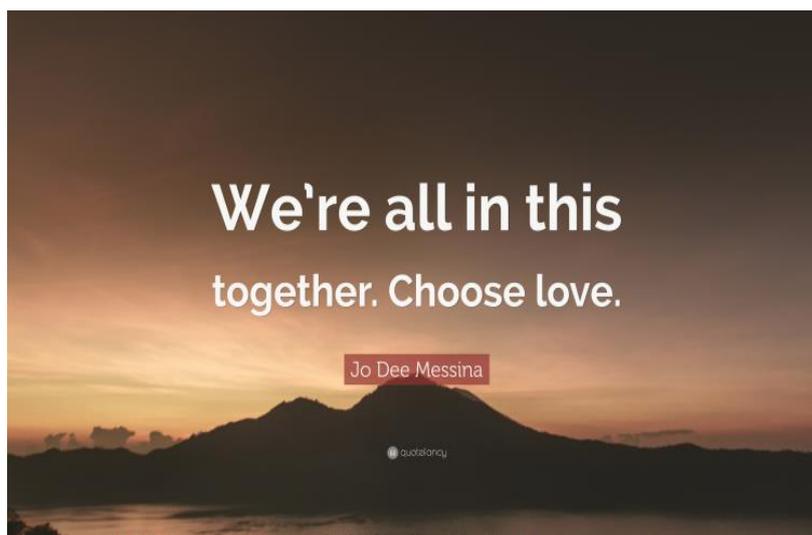
The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- 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.

- [arrange a test](#) if you or your child develops any of the above symptoms and inform us immediately of the results. If the test is positive, follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

It is a very unpredictable time that we are living through on a day to day basis, so huge thanks for your continued support. It is so important that we continue to work together to keep staff, children and our wider community as safe as possible and keep the schools open as it is so wonderful to have our children back in.



Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs Brannen".

Mrs Brannen
Executive Headteacher