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## COVID – 19 Update

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We appreciate that there is a lot of uncertainty in the community due to the latest increase in confirmed cases of COVID – 19 at a local and national level. In terms of the guidance that we are following we would like you to take note of what to do if households have symptoms of COVID -19. Any children not displaying symptoms should attend school as normal.

### Scenario 1 a child displaying symptoms

If a pupil has presented with symptoms of coronavirus and a decision has been made to keep them at home. The government guidance states that the pupil and their household should self-isolate and arrangements for a test should be made for the pupil who is symptomatic. There is no need for the whole household to get tested.

**Negative Result** –If the test result of the symptomatic child is negative, then the student can return to school once they are well. Any sibling who have isolated can also return. The school will require confirmation of the results of the test.

**Positive Result** - If the test result is positive, this should be reported to school immediately, and the student should remain at home for a period of 10 days from the start of symptoms/ positive test or until they are fit to return. The household should also isolate for a period of 14 days. This means any siblings in the school will not be able to attend the setting.

**Negative Result (household member positive)** - If the test result of the symptomatic child is negative, but the child is known to be a direct close contact of a positive case. Then the **student cannot** return to school until they have completed the 14-day isolation period (as they have been a direct contact of a positive case).

### Scenario 2 a household member displaying symptoms

If a household member presents with symptoms of coronavirus the government guidance states **that the pupil and their household should self-isolate and arrangements for a test should be made for the person with symptoms** (testing not necessary for anyone in the household who does not have symptoms).

#### Negative Result

If the test result is negative, then the student can return to school.



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### **Positive Result**

If the test result is positive, then the student should stay at home for 14 days. If the student was then to become ill with coronavirus symptoms, then arrangements should be made for them to also be tested and if the result is positive, they should stay at home for 10 days and the school should be contacted.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding at this time and if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in contact with school.

Thank you for your continued support,

David Hickey (Head of School)