

23 November 2021

Dear families,

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend and managed to relax. I am sure yours was far more exciting than mine. I am starting to feel better and can't wait to see you all again tomorrow.

I just wanted to give you a few updates about school. We are experiencing difficulties with our heating, we have engineer's working on it currently, and have brought temporary heaters into school to keep it warm. If children would like to wear another jumper under their school uniform to keep warm whilst in class we fully support this.

I also want to give you some reassurances around COVID. I know that it is the common cold and flu season, and parents will be cautious around the symptoms that are very similar to Covid.

We would ask all parents to remain vigilant, and if your child does show any of the main symptoms, to please carry out a **Lateral Flow Test** to ensure that they are negative and reduce the risk of spreading the virus. **We will ask for proof of a negative result before bringing them into school.**

Tests can be ordered from the following link <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

The three main symptoms remain the same:

- 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

If any child in school is displaying symptoms whilst at school, we may ask you to bring a Lateral Flow Test into school so that you can test your child on-site, and if they are negative remain in school if they are well enough, however, if your child is displaying severe symptoms we will request that you book a PCR Test and take them home until you receive the result.

We need to ensure as a school we are doing everything in our power to stop the virus spreading.

Kind regards,



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Head teacher