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Update from the Principal
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Dear Parent/Carer

Following guidance from SCC on Management of Covid-19 in educational settings I would like to make you aware of the following processes.

Firstly, if your child or any member of your household is showing COVID symptoms you should let us know immediately and you should book a test by using the NHS online portal <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by calling 119. In this scenario, **DO NOT send your child to school**. Please let us know immediately if your child is showing symptoms.

If anyone in your household is showing COVID symptoms, all household members must self-isolate for 14 days, unless the symptomatic member of the household receives a negative test result. During the period of self-isolation, all members of the household must comply, which means that they do not leave their home at all or have any visitors to their home.

If your child has a positive test result, **please notify the school immediately by telephone. Do not email this information as it will require urgent action.** There is a procedure for me to follow which involves contacting Public Health England for confirmation and direction.

If you receive a positive test result outside of school hours, please telephone 01934 529531 as soon as possible. This will enable me to take the required action as soon as I am alerted and put the necessary protocols in place for the remainder of your child's bubble. **Please note this number must only be used in the event of a positive test result being confirmed.**

I will of course notify all relevant parents/carers if we have a positive case and let you know the action we need to take as directed by Public Health England. As you know, we have taken measures to keep students in year group bubbles and they are located in Learning Zones, as a result, it is most likely that we would only direct members of the affected class or year group to self-isolate; these students would then access their learning on line. I will as always be guided by Public Health England on these matters.

If any positive test is confirmed during the school day, parents/carers of affected groups of students will be contacted immediately. In the event that the positive test is confirmed out of school hours, I will ensure that this is communicated in a timely fashion to prevent any students in the affected group from

coming to school the next day.

Please be assured that we continue to take note of revised guidance being issued to schools daily and make the necessary amendments to our risk assessment to ensure that our young people are as safe as they can be in school.

You, like me, will be aware that this is also the time of year when many children suffer with the usual coughs and colds and it can be difficult to decide if your symptoms could be COVID or are just the normal 'back to school cough and cold', so I really value your support in continuing to send in your child into school if their symptoms do not match the criteria on the government guidelines to warrant the application for a test. You may find this NHS link useful <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

If your child is feeling unwell in school could you please encourage them to visit our first aid staff and not to contact home themselves. If you need to be contacted we will facilitate this.

I fully appreciate that this situation is resulting in me sending home more communication than normal, but with an ever evolving picture nationally, I know that you realise how important it is that you are updated in this way. Finally, thank you for your continued support as always and for your patience and understanding at this time.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Scott', written in a cursive style.

Jacqui Scott
Principal