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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had several enquiries regarding children and whether they are well enough to be at school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our supportive parents and children who are making the right decisions, however frustrating, about the signs and symptoms of COVID19.

For your information they are;

- A continuous, dry cough
- A high temperature above 37.8°C
- A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste
- Have had access to a test and this has returned a positive result for Covid-19

It is **vital** important that we follow the advice given to us by the Government in order to ensure that we are able to safeguard our local community and keep our school open. Please take a test.

After receiving feedback from some of our parents, it seems there may be some delay in obtaining a test through a local testing centre, and the centre offered may be some distance away. If this is inconvenient, the advice is to try again in 30 minutes and repeat again if necessary, until something is available. **However inconvenient this may be, it is parental and not school responsibility to facilitate this.** If a child who has symptoms doesn't have a test, we will never know if they were positive or negative. This means that we will not be able to safeguard everyone here at school and therefore the rest of your family networks.

If however you are unable to secure a test, you can ask for a postal test to be sent to your home address. **There is no point in testing family members that do not have symptoms.**

Then this has to happen;

- ❖ If your child is showing any one or more of the above symptoms, they **must not** come to school and must isolate at home until there is either a negative test result or 10 days isolation has passed since the symptoms began
- ❖ All the family **must** also isolate. If the affected child is in Year 1, then their sibling in Nursery or Year 2, cannot attend. The whole family should be isolating for 14 days or **until** there is a negative test.
- ❖ If a family member from another school or parent shows symptoms, again, the whole family must isolate for 14 days or **until** there is a negative test. (eg, an older sister at Walton high sent home means any pupil at Kents Hill School cannot attend and must isolate).

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- ❖ *If Mum or Dad show any of the symptoms, then the whole family, including all the children, must isolate together until a negative test is achieved or 14 days have passed (10 for the person with symptoms) or **until** there is a negative test.*

We appreciate how frustrating this is to families. It has previously affected staff here who have had to take the test, but isolating when necessary will ultimately keep all children and staff here safe, which in turn protects other vulnerable members of society.

I am sure that you, along with all the staff and pupils here, don't want full lockdown again with the risk of our children being further disadvantaged. If you have any doubt at all, please contact the school who will help you to make the right choice. Further information can be found on the government website.

It is everybody's responsibility to keep themselves and others safe.

Thank you.
Mrs Mackie

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