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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas. We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday, although sadly with the concerns of Coronavirus still hanging over us.

Updates in guidance for Primary schools mainly cover the changes to isolation. Any other changes will only take place if we have to put our contingency plan into action if we have a local outbreak. Should this be the case we will keep you informed.

Contact tracing

Schools are not responsible for tracing contacts. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with either the positive case - or in the case of children - the parents, carers or guardian of the positive case to identify close contacts.

Those considered close contacts are recommended to test daily with LFDs, this is for all children over 5. This does not apply for children under 5 but they can access a PCR.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19:

Self-isolating and taking a test

- If your child has any of the following symptoms,
 - **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

they should self-isolate and you should inform us in the usual way.

- You should immediately order a PCR test for them. If the PCR result is negative, they can stop self-isolating.
- If the PCR result is positive, they must self-isolate. On day 6 of isolation they may take an LFD Test. If the test is negative on day 6 and day 7 they can stop isolating and return to normal. If they remain symptomatic or the test remains positive they continue to isolate for the 10 day period.
- If they are asymptomatic initially but then later develop symptoms, the isolation period resets from the day the symptoms start.

A link for government information and flowchart can be found at the end of this letter.

Measures in school

As a school we will continue to promote good hygiene, our increased cleaning measures and ventilation. The building can be cold because of ventilation so children will need a jumper or cardigan. Staff will be asked to continue with twice weekly testing and adults will wear masks in places where they cannot maintain a distance.

We will continue to keep visitors on site to a minimum and will ask all visitors to comply with our site rules.

Organisation

Our normal school hours will remain and school lunches everyday in the hall. You should have received notification from the office regarding lunch orders.

8.45am - Front Gates open for all children

8.55am - Gates close and register taken

3.15pm - End of day, children collected from the front playground.

Morning club will continue to run from 8am daily. Please bring your children to the side gate and ring the bell.

PE

Children will need to come into school in their PE kits on their PE day.

Monday - Fox Class, Tuesday - Hedgehog Class, Thursday - Badger Class

General operation

- Please ensure children are wearing school uniforms, this includes a navy jumper or cardigan. Children will not be permitted to wear other hoodies or jackets unless it is their PE day.
- Children need a clean pair of indoor shoes or slippers to change into. Lots went home to be washed during the holiday so please remember to send them back in on Thursday.
- Children are able to bring bags to school but please ensure that they do not bring unnecessary items such as toys. As usual they should have a water bottle and their lunch box.
- Please send in reading diaries and books, they will be changed over the first few days.
- We ask you to continue to keep visits to the office to a minimum. We will not accept cash, all payments will need to be made bank transfer. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please email or telephone to make arrangements.

As always if you have any questions please do get in touch. We appreciate your ongoing support.

With best wishes for the new year,

