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Dear parents/carers

COVID-19 Control Measures

With cases of Covid-19 rising, I want to take this opportunity to remind families of the importance of following the measures in place in all of our schools to help prevent the disease spreading and keep our schools open.

In particular, I would like to emphasise two aspects of this:

1. The requirement for the whole household to isolate if one member of the household displays symptoms of Covid-19

If someone in your household displays symptoms the whole household must isolate whilst awaiting the outcome of this individual's test. **This means that children must not attend school even if they are not displaying any symptoms themselves.** If the test is negative, the children can then return to school. If the test is positive, everyone must continue to isolate for fourteen days from the onset of the household member's symptoms. If no further member of the household tests positive during this period then the children can return to school after fourteen days.

2. The importance of maintaining a social distance of two metres when visiting a school site

To minimise the risk of infection we ask that contact with school is by phone or via the internet. If a face-to-face meeting with a member of staff is absolutely necessary however, we ask parents/carers to wear a face covering and to maintain a social distance of two metres at all times. This also applies to contact with staff who are on duty at the start or end of a school day. This will reduce the likelihood of staff having to isolate because they have been contacted by Test and Trace as a close contact of a confirmed case, as has been the case this term.

We are very appreciative of the support we have received for the measures we have in place to keep children and staff safe and our schools open. It is very important that we work together, follow the guidance and remain vigilant and we thank you for your support with this.

My very best wishes go to you and your family at this time.

Yours Faithfully,



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Chief Executive