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Dear Parent or Carer,

There has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 in your child's class. Your child should continue to attend school. However we ask that you look out for symptoms of COVID-19 in your child.

The three key symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature: this means that they feel hot to touch on their chest or back
- a new, continuous cough: this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste: this means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child has **any of these three key symptoms**, please do not send your child to school and arrange a PCR test for them immediately. You can book a PCR test online through the NHS website at <u>gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test</u> or by calling 119. Anyone else in your household with **any of these three key symptoms** should also isolate and take a PCR test.

Please note that if your child is under the age of 5 years old they should not take COVID-19 tests unless directed to do so by a doctor or if you believe a test is absolutely necessary and in the best interests of your child. They should however remain off school whilst they have symptoms.

As a school we are not always aware of personal circumstances and there may be adults or children with conditions that increase the risk from COVID-19 in your household or extended contact group. You may choose to limit contact with anyone at greater risk from the effects of COVID-19 infection as a precaution.

This letter is for information so you are aware to look out for any symptoms of COVID-19. You may receive further correspondence from the Test Trace Protect (TTP) team who may provide you with further information and instructions.



We know how disruptive the last year has been for everyone. This year we want to keep your child in school as much as possible, but we also want to keep our schools and communities safe from the effects of COVID-19.

Yours sincerely,

Dean Taylor Headteacher



