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Dear Parents,

As the weather seems to be changing, the nights drawing in and the mornings getting darker, there seem to be a lot of coughs, colds, headaches and the usual autumn/winter illnesses appearing amongst our community.

Whilst in school, we are doing our best to minimise the spread of any kind of infection. We cannot stop these illnesses spreading completely so I think it is therefore appropriate to remind you of some of the principles of infection control in relation to COVID-19 and in general terms.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- new continuous cough and/or
- fever (temperature of 37.8°C or higher)
- loss of or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops any of these symptoms, you must arrange for them to have a PCR test as soon as possible. They should self-isolate immediately and they should not attend school.

We currently have one member of staff who has tested positive for COVID-19 and is isolating. There has been no onward infection identified to date. There is no need for any action relating to this, but is merely for your information.

As in any year, if your child is unwell please keep them off school until they are well enough to return. There is an image below that gives some further information about this.

There are many other symptoms that are not on the government's official list, that often seem to be present when a positive COVID-19 test is returned. Could I please therefore encourage you, if at all possible, to take a COVID test if your child is unwell and needs to be kept at home.

We do ask, that if your child is absent from school for any reason, you let us know either by phone or email. Please do this as early as possible and try to be specific about the reason. We need to know the whereabouts of all of the children each day, so that we know they are safe.

May I also remind you that the school gates are open from 8:40 to 8:50 for all children. Arriving later than this means that your child will miss the start of their first activity of the day. It also causes confusion in the register and with the ordering of school lunches. These times are really important in each child's day and can really set the tone for the rest of it.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gilbert





When should my child return to school?



Chicken Pox When all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis None*	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever None*	Hand, foot & mouth None*	Impetigo When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies After first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek None*	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice None*	Threadworms None*	Tonsillitis None*		



This information is based on the Public Health Agency guide - full copy here

*No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed.

