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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have been asked by the government to communicate expectations around attendance now that school has fully reopened.

Please find below a summary of the steps that are expected when your child is unwell. We know that under the current climate it is sometimes very difficult to know what to do for the best. We therefore would like to clarify what action should be taken according to the latest guidance.

NHS Direct states that the main symptoms of Covid-19 in young people are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

If your child displays any of these symptoms then they should be tested and the household/support bubble must stay at home and isolate until the test result is received. In this instance please notify the school of the absence and subsequently of any test results.

If a member of the child's household is displaying any of the above symptoms then the child must stay at home until the test results come back. If the test is negative then the child may return to school (again please inform us of the absence and subsequent test result).

If your child is generally unwell but not displaying any of these symptoms then the advice from the NHS is to attend school if they are well enough. These symptoms may include a sore throat or runny nose, but not a new, continuous cough. If your child does not have Covid-19 symptoms then they do not need to be tested and can attend school when they are well enough.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

For the latest government guidance please [read here](#). We thank you for your support. Should this advice be further updated we will be in touch.

Best wishes,

Andrew Moorcroft
Head Teacher



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