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Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to the start of the new academic year. I would like to welcome all our new parents to the school and update you all on how the start of this year has gone this first week.

Pupils arrived full of the joys of Spring on Monday morning and it was so lovely to see them. Some were very anxious due to the extended period of time out of school but the majority were extremely excited, literally running and skipping into school.

As communicated to you in July, the organisation of the school has had to change quite significantly in order to facilitate the Health and Safety measures we have had to put in place due to the Coronavirus pandemic. This has meant that pupils are in their classrooms with the same teacher most of the day. I am pleased to say that this has proved to be successful so far (although early days); pupils have settled quickly into the class routines and the consistency of staff is allowing them to get to know the pupils quickly and to implement all the necessary processes to support the learning environment.

Transport was difficult at the start of the week but this has now settled into a routine. It really is crucial that everyone tries to stick to their allocated times to ensure that we have a steady stream of pupils coming in and out of school whilst allowing for social distancing. Please be reassured that pupils are still learning whilst they are waiting for transport and coming into school in the morning. I would also like to thank you so much for your patience and understanding whilst we got this new system underway.

Each day we continue to receive updated information about what we are, and are not, allowed to do so I will ensure that I regularly communicate with you as and when there are any changes. I have attached to this letter a Parent Guide to Covid-19 to support you in making the decision as to whether or not to send your child into school if they are poorly. Please be reassured that if your child needs to remain at home because they are self-isolating for any reason their class teacher will be in touch with you in the first few days to write a Home Learning Plan with you.

Once again thank you for your continued support and co-operation in these very strange times. As always, if you have any queries please communicate these via your young person's school diary, by email, or telephone.

Yours sincerely

Sonia White
Headteacher

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Parent Guide to COVID-19



Symptoms to look out for...

- High temperature
- Loss of taste
- New persistent cough
- Loss of smell

If your child, or any person who lives in your household, has any one of the **symptoms** above you must all self-isolate and get a test straight away.

Where to book a free test online: [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

What do I do? *Don't wait or put it off...* **BOOK A TEST**

- Book a test
- Email or call school to inform us of symptoms
- All household members to self-isolate until result of test is known
- Inform those you have been in close contact with of possible symptoms

Protect your family and friends, self-isolate and wait for the test result...

Child's Test result is Negative

Child can return to school as long as well enough to do so.

Email or show school result before returning

All household members can carry on as normal



Child's Test result is Positive

Share test result with school.

Child must not return for 10 days.

Household members must isolate for 14 days.

Follow all **'Test and Trace'** instructions



My child has a tummy bug and has been sick...

Not symptoms of COVID-19. Child needs to stay at home until well enough to return to school. At least 48 hours since last episode with no COVID-19 symptoms.

It's just a bit of a cough...

A symptom of COVID-19 so must get tested.

It's a sniffle with a bit of a temperature, some 'Calpol' will sort it and they will be fine in a few hours...

In the new world of Coronavirus it is not 'fine'. Do not 'wait and see'. Get a test and be sure. Don't risk spreading the virus!

