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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this e-mail finds you well and that you have had a lovely Easter!

Ahead of the start of the Summer Term, I would like to make you aware of our approach to managing Covid-19 going forward, as UKHSA has now published new guidance for the general population. This is part of the 'Living with Covid-19' guidance, which is also relevant to schools.

Adults and children who have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, should follow the UKHSA guidance, which states:

- **People who are unwell and/or have a high temperature should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people**
- It is particularly important to avoid close contact with anyone who you know is at higher risk of becoming seriously unwell if they are infected with COVID-19 and other respiratory infections
- **Children and young people can go back to school and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they feel well enough to attend**

The NHS Covid-19 symptoms have been updated and are as follows:

**Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can include:**

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) - a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your 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 your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

Any child showing these symptoms and/or considered not well enough should not attend school. If children in school are showing these symptoms and/or considered not well enough they will be sent home. Any child who is sick or has a bout of diarrhoea will be required to remain absent from school for 48 hours following the last episode, as per our usual school policy for managing the spread of illness.

## Attendance

There has also been an update to Government guidance for schools on recording attendance for pupils with symptoms of COVID-19. This states that schools should no longer record pupils who do not attend for reasons related to COVID-19 using an 'X' code. 'X' codes have been discounted from a pupils' attendance figures to date. Going forward, if a pupil is not attending because they have symptoms of COVID-19 or have had a positive test, schools should record this using an 'I' code (illness), unless another more appropriate absence code applies.

## Ventilation

Ventilation will continue and CO2 monitors will remain in place in all classrooms.

If parents/carers still choose to carry out lateral flow tests when their child has symptoms and we are made aware that we have cases/an outbreak in a particular year group, we will communicate with relevant parents/carers via ParentMail.

Once again, I would like to pass on my appreciation to you all for your continued support and understanding as we have, and continue to, navigate the pandemic. We remain focused on limiting any further disruption to teaching and learning whilst ensuring we work together to keep our community safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

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