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'A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together'

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Dear Parents,

As we move into the autumn term and the winter months, I am very aware that there will be an increase of children with coughs colds etc. As part of our Covid response we will be informing you if there has been a child within a bubble who is displaying a symptom of Covid 19 via the following email below. Please don't be alarmed by the emails as unfortunately, they are going to become a regular part of our school correspondence. All we ask is that you are more vigilant in watching for any symptoms in your child/children. As per the guidance anyone displaying one of the following symptoms requires a test and must inform school of the result. Once we have received the results of the test an email confirming the result will be sent out to the bubble and any further necessary steps will be taken. Please see below an example letter of notification that you may receive:

Dear Parent/Carer,

I have received notification that one of the children in (INSERT CLASS) is displaying a symptom of Covid 19. A test will be taken and I will be alerted to the results as soon as possible. In line with DFE guidance it is advised that I notify all those whom they have come into contact with in the past 48 hours. As DFE guidance suggests, at this stage it is not necessary for all children and adults connected to self-isolate.

However, alerting those whom have been in contact means that they can take extra care in practising social distancing and good hand and respiratory hygiene. They can also be more alert to any symptoms they might develop. Should the test be positive then the rest of the bubble will be advised to stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. If any child or subsequently any family members display symptoms during this time, then they will need to be tested.

I fully appreciate that this is an anxious time as we try and adjust to a 'new normal' in our working and school lives. However, Covid symptom letters may well become part of our daily lives for the foreseeable future as only 1 symptom reported requires the school to inform all those that have had contact within that bubble.

This is a particularly challenging time, but I have every faith that together we can ensure that we keep our families safe. The children in school have adapted well to their new routines and procedures. They will be regularly reminded about how they can keep themselves and those around them safe. Since changing our drop off and pick up timings last week, there are less adults on site at any one time. To make things even better:

1. Please stick to your allocated drop off and pick up times.
2. Please stay at least 1 metre away from other parents.
3. Please phone or email the school with messages.
4. Please email correspondence/reply slips or deposit in the red letter box by our front door.

Kind Regards,

Kate Appleby

Principal of Warmingham CE Primary

Proud member of the Rural Church Schools Academy Trust

Let Your Light Shine

Matthew 5:16

The following table contains some useful guidance:

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
...my child has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school • Self-isolate • Get a test • Inform school immediately about test result 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child tests positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Self-isolate for at least 10 days • Inform school immediately about test result 	... the child has completed 10 days self isolation, they do not have a temperature and feel well (even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste they can return to school. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.). After 10 days, if your child still has a temperature they should continue to self-isolate and you should seek medical advice.
...somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school • Self-isolate • Household member to get a test • Inform school immediately about test result 	...the household member test is negative.
...somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school • Self-isolate for 14 days 	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation(The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the household became ill or if they do not have symptoms, from the day their test was taken.) N.B. If your child starts displaying symptoms, they need to get a test, and if positive stay at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms appear, regardless of what day they are on in their original 14-day isolation period.
... NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school • Self-isolate for 14 days 	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation. N.B. If your child starts displaying symptoms, they need to get a test and if positive, stay at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms appear, regardless of what day they are on in their original 14-day isolation period.
...we/my child travelled and must self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term time holidays are unauthorised. However, if your family must quarantine on return from holiday, this will be authorised. <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school • Self-isolate for 14 days 	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation. N.B. If your child starts displaying symptoms, they need to get a test and if positive, stay at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms appear, regardless of what day they are on in their original 14-day isolation period.
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school • Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.

COVID-19 ALERT

SYMPTOMS AND GUIDANCE

THE MOST COMMON SYMPTOMS ARE :



CONTINUOUS
COUGH



HIGH FEVER



LOSS OF SMELL
OR TASTE