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Dear Parents/Carers

We are almost at the end of our first half term back in school. Since the beginning of the school year, we have seen an increase week on week in terms of the number of covid cases in our schools which has affected an increasing number of children.

With this in mind please again note that pupils should not attend school if they have symptoms. The 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 remain a fever (temperature 37.8OC or higher), a new continuous cough, or a change to/loss of taste or smell. However, other commonly reported symptoms of the Delta variant include headache, sore throat, tiredness, and cold-like symptoms, so please be aware of these as well and stay at home and seek testing if you are in any doubt.

Anyone with symptoms must self-isolate straight away and get a **PCR test**. An LFD test is not an acceptable alternative.

Any children who display symptoms within school will be sent home and asked to take a PCR test. If a pupil arrives at school the next day or displaying symptoms upon arrival but has not had a PCR test we reserve the right to refuse entry to the pupil.

As always any decision made would be on the basis of protecting the other pupils and staff from possible infection with Covid 19.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and your resilience in coping with the disruption to your lives which is caused whenever schools have to make the difficult decision to send children home.

Yours sincerely

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