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25th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our second week back with all pupils attending school full time has been hugely successful. Pupils are successfully settling back into the routines and expectations of being back in school.

Social Care Visit

Yesterday and today, we had a Social Care Assurance Visit from Ofsted. I would like to thank all of the staff and pupils who were part of the visit.

Following the visit, there will be no judgement however, we will receive a report with feedback. Once the report is published, it will be shared with you.

Covid-19 Symptoms

Please be reminded of the Covid-19 symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – *this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)*
- **a new, continuous cough** – *this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)*
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – *this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal*

If your child has one or more of these symptoms, they **must** self-isolate and get a test, even if you think they just have a cold or the flu. If they are displaying one or more of these symptoms, your child is not allowed to be in school until your child has received a negative test or has self-isolated for 10 days.

The same applies if someone else in your child's household displays one or more symptoms. In this case, your child must remain at home until the member of your household receives a negative test or your child has self-isolated for 14 days.

We understand that accessing a test can be challenging; however we have been advised that tests are released locally throughout the day, so some people have successfully been able to access a test by repeatedly refreshing the page. We understand that it can be inconvenient and frustrating to self-isolate and

get a test. I am sure you understand and appreciated the importance in complying with the government guidance.

New Government Guidance

Earlier this week, the government released new Covid-19 guidelines. These new guidelines do not directly affect the school, however we will continue to have meetings virtually where possible to reduce contact and mixing.

We will continue to monitor guidance from the government over the next few weeks and make you aware of any guidance which may have an impact on the school.

Please continue to stay safe.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Rose', written in a cursive style.

Mark Rose
Executive Principal