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Dear Parents and carers,

We have a bit of a COVID-19 conundrum that we will have to work out together. The conundrum is 'my child is not feeling well...should I keep them off school and should I get them tested?'

At this time of year there will be many of the normal bugs in school and for colds, runny noses, a bit of a sore throat, tummy-ache and headaches we would expect your child to be in school. Please be assured that we would contact you if they became unwell in school.

If your child displays one of the symptoms of COVID-19 then you must follow the government guidelines and you **MUST** get them tested. All other family members in the household **MUST** isolate until the results come back. The symptoms are:

- 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

It is your responsibility to get your child tested as soon as possible and let us know the results. We are aware that booking a test is proving difficult but other parents are finding that if you regularly refresh the page online, tests can be booked.

So, let's work together to follow the government guidance as well as ensuring all the children get back into school and routine as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your assistance with this.

Yours sincerely,

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