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Friday, 1st October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID-19 Symptoms Reminder

We hope your child has settled well into their new class and we very much look forward to speaking to you all at parents' consultations next week.

Continuing to live through this pandemic can be stressful for many reasons and you might be anxious about your children catching the virus and falling ill.

As you are aware, we no longer have to keep children in consistent bubbles and have returned to a more 'normal' school day. However, we are still minimising contact where we can, our enhanced hygiene and cleaning measures have continued and we are keeping areas well ventilated to limit the spread of the virus. We will of course be keeping a close eye on published guidance and our Outbreak Management Plan is ready should we need to return to any form of restrictions.

Whilst we know that children tend to become less ill with Covid-19 than adults, it is still a good idea to familiarise yourself with the main symptoms in children.

COVID-19 symptoms in children

The symptoms of COVID-19 in babies, toddlers and children are the same as in adults. According to the NHS, the main symptoms to look out for are high temperature, continuous cough, and loss of taste and smell.

High temperature

In children, a 'high temperature' is usually classed as a temperature of 38°C or above. Your child may feel hot and sweaty to touch on their back and/or chest. They might also tell you that [they feel unwell](#) and may also describe having a headache.

New, continuous cough

If your child has developed a cough this could be a sign of Covid-19. A continuous cough means coughing a lot - for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.

Loss of taste and smell

One of the most distinctive symptoms caused by Covid-19 is the loss of taste and/or smell. The virus might also cause a change in taste or smell - in other words, food might taste different to normal. This symptom might be harder to detect in children, but you might notice that they leave food they'd normally



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eat or seem less hungry. Depending on the age of your child they may be able to tell you if something tastes funny or different.

If your child does display any of these symptoms, please let school know as soon as possible and arrange for them to take a PCR test. They should not attend school. If parents have any doubt over whether a test is required, please contact Public Health on 01922 658065 or call 119 for advice.

There have been, and will continue to be, children and parents who test positive for Covid-19 as we learn to live with the virus. Although schools do not undertake contact tracing any longer - this is a role of the NHS - where there is a positive case, we liaise very closely with Public Health and follow their advice. Please be vigilant with your child and the rest of your family - especially as we are approaching the winter months.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S. Arnold
Head Teacher

