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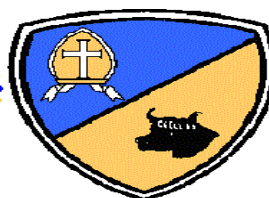
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are aware that there are a significant number of new confirmed cases of COVID-19 throughout the school.

Whilst the UK Government's guidance on self-isolation has been relaxed to advisory rather than mandatory, I would like to thank you all for the cautious approach you are applying if you or your children are affected by Covid-19.

To minimise the impact that staff and pupil absence from the spread of infection could have on our school, we are still requesting that you take the following precautions:

- If you or your child test positive for Covid-19 please do not attend the school site until either ten days after the initial symptoms or test, or following two consecutive negative lateral flow tests taken over two consecutive days, which can be taken from day five onwards.

- If your child is a close contact of someone testing positive for Covid-19 we would greatly appreciate you carrying out daily lateral flow tests for seven days to ensure they are not attending school and inadvertantly spreading the infection. If you test positive for Covid-19 and your children test negative, please contact the school office and we will make arrangements for you to safely drop off and collect your children at the main entrance.

Symptoms of COVID-19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

· new continuous cough and/or;
· high temperature and/or;
· a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

However, sometimes, individuals may present with a wider range of symptoms or no symptoms at all and more information is available by following this link https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/ If you or your child feel newly unwell with Covid-19 symptoms, then we would advise you to seek further medical advice.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting COVID-19:

· wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds;
· use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available;
· wash your hands as soon as you get home;
· cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze;
· allow ventilation in the house through opening windows;
· put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

Thank you once more for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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