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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Child illness and absence**

A number of parents have queried whether their children should be coming to school if they are poorly, or whether they should make arrangements for their children to be tested for coronavirus.

Public Health advice is that children who have one of the three main symptoms should stay at home and book a test.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) 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

Further advice can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

The flowchart below details what to do if your child is ill. We hope this is helpful but please do not hesitate to call if you need any further advice.

If you need to inform us of ANY absence, you must inform us by calling the school office on 01726 64322.

Many thanks

Kind regards,

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