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Dear Parents/Guardians,

You will be aware that we had a confirmed case of COVID-19 on Monday. This necessitated that the year 6 pupils, staff and one of our Out of School Club bubbles now have to self-isolate for 14 days. Just to re-iterate that if you were not contacted by school your child was not a contact of a confirmed case and should attend school as usual. I want to thank all parents and carers for making arrangements at short notice to collect their children. I know this would not have been easy.

Reminders:

If anyone in your family is displaying the symptoms of COVID-19 then they will need to self-isolate (along with the household). Arrangements for a test can be made by following this links:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/news-and-views/incidents/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-testing/covid-19-testing.aspx>

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

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

or by calling 119

The only symptoms which require you to arrange a test for your child, or indeed yourselves are:

- a high temperature – this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their 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 they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste – this means the child may have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child does not have these symptoms but they are generally unwell they should stay at home until you think they are ready to return (in the case of sickness and diarrhoea 48 hours after the last episode). They do not need to get tested. As is usual at this time of year when children come back to school there are the regular viruses and infections circulating.

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child has had a test and what the result is after it is confirmed, by contacting the school office on 01244 478367 or admin@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk

Children can return to school if they test negative and are feeling well.

If you receive notice of a positive result for your child during evenings or weekends, please use the following contact:

contact@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk

Please note that in the event of future positive cases you may receive communication at short notice, either not to send children into school or that they need to be collected. This communication will come via email if after school hours, so please check emails regularly. Teaching staff will be in contact with families about how they are going to support home learning.

School will not contact parents if children or staff need to self-isolate due to either having symptoms or being a direct contact of someone who has symptoms. We will only notify parents if there is a positive result.

All correspondence for the foreseeable future will be sent via email and posted on the school website. Please ensure that you inform school of any changes to your email address.

I have attached the frequently asked questions again and a quick guide for parents which you can refer to should you need it. I do understand parents' anxieties, but I want to assure you that we are doing all we can to ensure the safety of children and staff in school. We are closely following the guidance set out by the DFE and the PHE, including keeping them in their separate bubbles throughout the day, social distancing between adults, emphasising good hand and respiratory hygiene and under taking regularly cleaning of toilets and frequently touched surfaces. There are many things that happen beyond the school gates that we do not have control of.

And finally.....

It has been a challenging few days, with no doubt more to come. However, I want to say it has been a joy for us all to see and work with your children again. Our new reception class have settled in so well – parents and carers have done a fantastic job preparing them for big school. I am privileged to get to see all the children every day – often outside and socially distanced of course – as I move around the school. We also get together as a school on a Friday morning via a Microsoft Teams assembly. The children get to see each other, even if they are not in the same room.

I will be in touch again soon.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher