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RE: Delta Variant – COVID 19

Dear Parent/Carer

As numbers of positive cases continue to rise in our immediate area, I thought it would be a timely reminder of symptoms of the **new COVID Delta Variant**. Typically, we always associated a loss of taste or smell, a continuous cough and a high fever. These symptoms still remain, however the new DELTA variant, which is highly contagious, is presenting different symptoms. These symptoms are as follows:

A cough, cold like symptoms, headache, and a feeling of just being a bit 'off'.

This presents an incredible challenge for us and yourselves. Being a primary school, coughs and colds are part and parcel of the environment.

Under these circumstances, and in a bid to keep bubbles open and reduce the numbers in our county, we are asking you to take the following precautions.

If you or anyone in your household presents ANY of these symptoms, either the new variant or existing, please book **a PCR test** and follow the guidance - that is, the household to isolate until the results come back in. Please be reminded, a **PCR test** has to be booked, not a rapid LFT if you or your child is **showing symptoms**. Rapid LFT are still being targeted for asymptomatic testing. If you are regularly testing yourself at home using a Rapid LFT and you have a positive result, please follow the guidance and notify ourselves immediately. We will treat this as a positive case until further clarification or advise from PHE has been issued.

This will no doubt cause disruption to many families, including our own. The good news is that test results are still coming back swiftly and 'normal' order for those families is resuming promptly. Please rest assured that whilst your child or anyone in your household is awaiting a test or test results, their school attendance will not be impacted.

As always, thank you for your cooperation and support.

Best wishes,

Mrs May

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