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Dear Parent/ Carer, We have been sent the following more detailed guidance regarding whether or not you should keep your child off school and have them tested for Covid19. We hope you find this helpful. As can be expected at this time of year we have a lot of children with runny noses and wet coughs and it is perfectly fine for them to continue to attend school as long as they are feeling well enough.

We are aware that many people are anxious about the possibility of us having to close a bubble in the future, particularly around childcare issues. Please be advised that in the event of an adult or child testing positive and us being forced to close a bubble we would not take this decision lightly and it would be on the direct recommendation of PHE and the government guidance. Unfortunately we can't guarantee that there would be much notice of a closure, as we will have to act quickly and given this it would be wise to have a back up plan for childcare in place if possible.

Kind Regard

Simone Fellows

(Headteacher)

Symptoms of Covid 19

- high temperature – *this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back* (you do not need to measure your temperature)

- 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)

- 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

Please note the current testing policy only advises testing for children with covid-19 symptoms i.e. not asymptomatic children. *NB: A high temperature in children is generally 38 C or more – but not defined as such in the guidance.*