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Dear parents/carers,

As we move into the autumn term, it is inevitable that our children will begin to come down with seasonal bugs as well as COVID. Since 1st April, routine testing of COVID has **no longer been expected** in schools. Schools are now expected to focus on **how we live with COVID-19**.

Following national advice, we recognise that Covid presents a low risk of serious illness to most children as well as most people who are fully vaccinated.

We would encourage you to test **if** you display COVID symptoms and have access to a test. **Adults** with a positive COVID-19 test result are advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **five days** as this is when they are most infectious. For **children**, the advice is to stay at home for **three days**.

In school, we will be taking sensible steps to **reduce the risk** of COVID spreading. We will ensure that all classrooms are **well-ventilated** with open windows to allow fresh air in. We will also be reinforcing good hygiene practices such as **regular hand washing** and **routine cleaning**.

Symptoms of COVID are similar to symptoms of other illnesses such as colds and flu:

- a new, **continuous cough**
- a loss or **change** to your sense of **smell** or **taste**
- shortness of breath
- feeling** tired or **exhausted**
- an aching body
- a **headache**
- a **sore throat**
- a **blocked** or **runny nose**

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-loss of **appetite**

-**diarrhoea**

-feeling sick or being sick

We would ask you to be extra vigilant around the above symptoms and to use your judgement over whether your child is well enough to attend. Going forward, we will text you to inform you of a positive test in your child's class. Further guidance can be found on the NHS website.

We thank you in advance for your support with this.

Mr Routledge

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