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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus Update

Yesterday, the Government introduced new guidance on whole household isolation in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

- if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for 7 days from when your symptoms started
- if you live with others and you or another member of the household have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

The full stay at home guidance for households with these symptoms can be found here:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

As usual, it remains important to contact school and inform us when and why your child is absent. Please be clear about the specific reason for your child's absence in order that this is recorded correctly.

While school is open, we will maintain daily contact with parents of absent children via the Teacher2Parent text service.

It remains essential that you do inform school when your child or a member of the family has been in contact with someone who has the virus or has recently visited a 'category 1' area which is a hotspot for the virus.

Your on-going support is much appreciated.

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