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Executive Headteacher

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Dear Parents/Carers

### **COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update**

Thank you for keeping us informed regarding your children's absence from school.

Following the most recent guidance from the government, please be aware that if anyone in your household has the possible symptoms of COVID-19 (high temperature or a new, continuous cough) then everyone in the household must now stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Therefore, if you or another member of the family has symptoms then any children that attend our schools must also stay at home for 14 days.

When you contact your child's school to inform us of your child's absence, please make it clear if your child is off because they are unwell or if you are self-isolating them in line with the Department of Education (DfE) and Public Health England (PHE) and guidance.

If self-isolation is the reason, we need to know what symptoms have led you to this decision. These reasons are recorded differently for legal purposes.

Please remember if you are self-isolating for 14 days in line with government and PHE guidance, then this is self-isolation at home, with no visitors and not leaving the house for 14 days.

Stay at home guidance regarding this ever-evolving situation can be found on the PHE website <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Keeping your child off school because you are worried about the COVID-19 is not an accepted reason for absence; although we fully appreciate that there may be some worry or anxiety about the current situation. Please be honest with your reasons for your child's absence, as we want to be able to track the absences and reasons for absence so we can share these as part of the wider picture if requested.

Many thanks to you all for maintaining a sensible and measured approach. We will continue to follow the advice from PHE and central government and will inform you of any changes as they occur. We welcome parents' continued understanding at this difficult time.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. D. Best-White". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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