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Head of School Mrs S Sullivan

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Dear Parents/Carers,

September 2020

We would like to offer you all a very warm welcome back and return to school. Thank you for all of your ongoing support and encouragement and we are so grateful for your patience and understanding during these very unsettled and uncertain times.

It has been a great start to the year so far and it has been wonderful to see all of the smiling faces in the morning. It has been a privilege to welcome the new Year R children and their families in this week for taster sessions and we look forward to getting to know you all.

Obviously, during this new era for schools and the Covid-19 restrictions, one of our main aims is to keep all of the children, staff and families safe in and around school. You will have noticed some changes already this week and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused. Health and Safety is our priority and we take it very seriously. We have a very detailed risk assessment and our Covid-19 documentation and guidance can be found on the school website.

As we move forward, please make sure you abide by:

- ✓ 2 metres physical distancing on and around the school site
- ✓ the staggered drop off and collection
- ✓ the one way system at collection
- ✓ And the one adult per family for collection.

We are doing all we can to reduce the number of people on site at any time and reduce the risk of infection.

We also strongly request that adults please leave the school site promptly at drop off and collection times to reduce the number of people and to allow a greater flow of people. We would rather not insist parents wear masks on site but please feel free to wear one if you feel the need.

In the event of a child or staff member displaying one or more symptoms of Covid-19 in your child's class, attached is a copy of the letter we will send home and the flow chart we will use for the next steps. (From PHE/KCC).

Once again, thank you so much for your cooperation with these matters and the words of encouragement and support. We are all dealing with times and situations we could never have envisaged or expected.

We wish all of our Kingsnorth family and community a restful and peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sullivan
Head of School

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you that today we have had reason to send a child/staff member home from school because they were displaying one or more symptoms of COVID-19. This is **not** a confirmed case and is a purely precautionary measure. Testing has been arranged in accordance with Government National Guidance for the person in question.

Until the test outcome for the child in question is known your child should continue to attend school.

If the person in question has tested positive for COVID-19 your child will then be categorised as a 'close contact' of a confirmed case and as such, will be advised to self-isolate for 14 days from the date of contact.

Someone from school will contact you in the coming days to inform you of the test outcome and advise you if social isolation is required.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19?

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared as advised in

www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance

You should arrange for testing for your child via

www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance or www.111.nhs.uk

A negative test **does not** mean that your child can return to school earlier than 14 days.

Your child can return to school when they are 48 hours symptom free. Household members can end their isolation straight away following the negative test, unless someone else in the household is waiting for the result of their test or displays symptoms.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- New continuous cough and/or
- High temperature and/or
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms

or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel (7-0% alcohol) if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information is available at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19

Yours sincerely,

TESTING: Visit www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test

