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## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Following on from the changes introduced by the government earlier this week, we have decided to implement additional procedures in school. From now on, we are requesting that all parents and visitors on the school site wear a face covering. Staff will also wear face coverings when they are outside. Please ensure you distance yourself appropriately (2 metres) when speaking to school staff.

We will be installing wider gates on the Westminster Road entrance into the Reception playground this weekend and the gates should be in use from Monday 28th September. We have put markings on Westminster Road to allow for the safe lining up of parents and children.

We have sent out a letter from the NHS to all parents and carers outlining when you should book a test if you suspect you or a member of your family is showing symptoms of Covid-19. A test should only be booked in the following instances:

- A high temperature—37.8 degrees or above
- A new continuous cough; coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste.

You do not need to book a test for your child if they have a runny nose or are sneezing or feeling unwell. Only book a test if they show the above symptoms and only book a test for the person who is showing symptoms. If you do have to book a test, all members of the household must isolate whilst waiting for the test result. If the result is positive then the members of the household should isolate for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.

If a pupil in a class or 'bubble' tests positive for coronavirus, their whole bubble will be sent home to isolate. The members of the whole bubble will not require a test unless they develop symptoms.

We know that these are difficult times for everyone and we very much appreciate your continuing support to ensure that your children can continue to receive vital education in a safe environment.