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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after a lovely weekend of September sunshine. I wanted to remind and reassure you at the same time about when to keep your child at home due to illness and when to book a test for COVID 19.

If you think your child might have coronavirus, it is really important that you self-isolate at home and book a test. Things to look for are a **high temperature**, a **new continuous cough** or a **change in your sense of smell or taste**. If your child has any one of those symptoms, don't leave the house at all, book a test and then self-isolate for 10 days or until the test result gives you the all clear.

Tests can be arranged by visiting [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test). In recent days, this service has been busy at times, and some people have had problems booking a test due to capacity issues in the laboratories that process the results.

If your child does not have COVID symptoms, please do not book a test. Doing so only makes it harder for people with symptoms to get the test they need. If your child feels unwell, then keep them at home until they feel well enough to come into school.

People are also required to stay at home if anyone in their household has COVID symptoms, or if they have been told they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive. Anyone living with someone with suspected COVID must not leave the home for any reason for 14 days from the time that their family member or housemate started showing signs of the virus.

In our communication with the parents and carers, we will not reveal the identity of families who have received a positive test result. We would ask you to be mindful of this in your parent year group chats.

Best wishes

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