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Dear Parents

Attendance & Late arrivals at school

It is very important that children attend school regularly, recently this may have been a challenge, however to ensure you minimise disruption to your child's education please follow the guidance below.

- Child has a covid symptom (cough, raised temperature or change of taste / smell), immediately self isolate and book a PCR test, if positive the child must self isolate for 10 days – this can be reduced to 7 days if the child has no temperature and has a negative lateral flow test on day 6 & 7 (these must be 24 hours apart), or two consecutive days after day 7. If the PCR test is negative then they should return to school after the test result
- Child tests positive on a LFT (no symptoms), immediately self isolate for 10 days – this can be reduced to 7 days if the child has no temperature and has a negative lateral flow test on day 6 & 7 (these must be 24 hours apart), or two consecutive days after day 7. There is not need do a PCR test in these circumstances unless the child develops symptoms
- Member of a household / close contact of a child tests positive. The person who is positive self isolates. The child should do a daily lateral flow test for 7 days, provided these are negative the child does not need to self isolate so should attend school. However if they develop symptoms they must self isolate and book a PCR test. If they require an adult to take them to school this cannot be the adult who is self isolating.

If your child develops symptoms of covid during the school day we will contact you to collect your child and immediately book a PCR test, they will require a negative PCR test result before they can return to school.

Obviously children may suffer from illnesses other than Covid, if a child has vomiting or diarrhoea then they must not attend school for 48 hours after the last episode.

By following these guidelines we ensure that everyone is kept safe and we minimise the transmission of virus' in school.

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Lateness

We are seeing an increasing number of children arriving late for school. It is really important that children arrive at school promptly as the teachers will discuss with the children first thing in the morning the activities for the day and if your child misses out on this it can often lead to misunderstanding and anxiety on their part.

If your child is late for school they must enter via the front door, please bear in mind that this door is not 'manned' but the office staff will come and admit the child once they are free to do so. We ask you to please be patient as the office staff also have other duties to perform and may not be able to allow your child in to school immediately.

We will be monitoring both pupil attendance and lateness as both can impact upon your child's education and attainment, and if we have concerns parents will be invited to discuss this with school staff to see if this can be improved.

Thank you for your support with this and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Susan Ironside
Head Teacher