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Dear Parents/Carers,

At a time when everything seems a little strange and feels confusing and occasionally overwhelming too, I want to write to reassure you that we continue to work tirelessly to make things as seamless as possible for both you and your children. The children have settled in so well and I would like to thank you for supporting with our staggered entry and exit times and leaving the school premises so quickly, it is such a help. We would ask that, as we move forward with this, you do stick to your child's surname grouping to ensure that we can maintain social distancing. It is becoming quite congested at the start of both morning and afternoon sessions.

I know that as time passes we will inevitably have children coming down with colds so I wanted to clarify our procedure early on. This is in line with the expectations from Lincolnshire Health Protection Team. If **your** child (or **any** family member) develops a new cough **or** a temperature **or** has a change to their sense of taste or smell (only one of the symptoms is needed) you should stay at home as a family, and ring 119 to book a test (or visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/>) for the symptomatic person. I know many of you will feel able to determine that your child 'just has a cold', but we have been instructed to ask you to leave this decision in the hands of an expert during this global pandemic.

If the test result comes back negative and your child is well in themselves then **all** children within the family are then able to return to school. If it is positive, every family member needs to self-isolate for 14 days and the Track and Trace protocol will begin. At each part through this, we will be guided by Public Health England.

I know many will feel anxious and the constant media coverage only serves to heighten this. We continue to look at our systems and to make sure that things work as well as we can make them. We are anticipating that Key Stage 2 parents will be able to leave their children at the side gate in the mornings from Monday 14th September but will continue to ask parents to collect at the end of the day. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

With very best wishes

Bill Lord
Head Teacher



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