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Dear parents/ carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your continued support during this time.

As was the case last academic year, in accordance with Wolverhampton Local Authority's risk assessments (created in conjunction with Public Health England), it is recommended that **any pupil or staff member who is absent because of sickness, or has to go home because they are unwell, takes a PCR test and does not return to the setting until they receive a negative PCR test result and feels well again.** This advice is in addition to PCR testing for anyone who has symptoms of Covid-19, such as fever, a new, continuous cough or a change of taste or smell.

Therefore, **please be aware that this is the advice we will be giving parents when a pupil is too unwell to attend school.**

For those who are reporting an absence: If your child is too unwell to attend school, you should report the absence as normal, limit their social contact and book a PCR test for the child. There are no implications for other people in the household. If the PCR test result is negative, the child can return to school once well enough. If no PCR test is undertaken, then they should return to school 48 hours after feeling well again. If the PCR test result is positive, please follow the up to date government guidelines on isolation.

How to book a PCR test: PCR tests can be booked online at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test . You will need to indicate when booking the test that you have been asked to get a test by the Local Authority.

Routine testing for those who are well: All family members with children in educational settings should take a rapid Lateral Flow Test regularly, ideally twice a week and 3-4 days apart. One in three people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but could still accidentally pass it on to people around them. For more information about rapid LFT tests and how to get them, visit www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/get-tested . Anyone with a positive LFT test result should self-isolate and book a confirmatory PCR test. Both positive and negative LFT test results should be reported to <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> .

Thank you again for your support.

Mr A Smith

Acting Head of School