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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

I want to start by saying well done and thanking you for being so patient with the new systems that are in place to help keep everyone safe. The stars of this week are undoubtedly the children. They have breezed back into school, full of smiles and happiness. They are clearly enjoying being back at school and seeing their teachers and all of the staff who care for them when they are here.

We have tried hard to keep the communication flowing as we have adjusted arrangements for collecting children, and parents have responded brilliantly. The speed with which children are being collected is improving, and arriving on time, rather than early, is making a huge difference to the congestion, particularly on Masterman Road. Social distancing is so important, and keeping that little bit of personal space helps to keep you safe and makes others feel more secure.

### **What You Need To Do If Your Child Becomes Unwell**

In accordance with government guidance, **you must** keep your child at home if they are unwell, and definitely if they display the following coronavirus symptoms:

- A new, persistent cough,
- A fever or high temperature (the NHS advises that there is no need to take their temperature), and
- A loss of smell or taste.

If a child shows these symptoms in school, we will ask parents to collect them immediately.

I have had some queries from parents about the advice they have been given by health professionals outside school. Many are saying that they have been told their child can return to school if they feel better, after showing the above symptoms.

If your child has had any of these symptoms, the school's policy is clear and follows the Guidance for the Full Opening of Schools, which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#soc>



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**If your child shows symptoms at home, or they are sent home, you must:**

- Keep them at home for at least 10 days (14 days for family members),
- You should arrange for your child to have a coronavirus test immediately,
- Inform the school of the test results (negative or positive)

If the test is negative and your child is well, they can return to school. If the test is positive, they will have to remain at home for at least for 10 days from when they first had symptoms. Further details can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

**You can order a test by calling 119 between 7am-11pm (seven days a week) or you can request a test online.**

Newham council has local information about testing on its website:

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/c19-information-advice/4#:~:text=When%20attending%20the%20test%20centre,can%20request%20a%20test%20online>

I hope this helps to clarify the expectations should your child become unwell. Please read the guidance in the links above, as it has some really useful local information.

Although the weather is set to be hot and sunny as we move into next week, enjoy your weekend, but please make sure you follow social distancing guidelines to keep you and your families safe.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr Kevin Reid**  
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