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Dear

I thought that I would write to you as the first half of this autumn term comes to a close.

I would like to thank those of you who have supported your children by sending them into school, because I am sure that you will agree that their education in these troubled times is more important than it has ever been. Whilst I appreciate the messages we receive from the media are mixed, and sometimes it is very difficult to determine what we are expected to do, I would ask that you keep sending your children in unless I write to you to tell you otherwise. If we are required to return to the 'lock down' that we all experienced in March 2020 we will do our very best to remain open because I believe that all of the children we work with are vulnerable. Obviously children showing symptoms, or whose family have symptoms of Covid 19, will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days or until a negative test has been obtained for the whole family. Those children will be provided with work to complete at home so that there is as little disruption to their education as possible.

Below is general COVID information details.

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 they should remain at home. Arrange for a COVID test via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling NHS 119 and inform the head teacher.

**If their test is negative and they can return to school when they are well.**

**If their test is positive** they will need to self-isolate for **10 days** from the date when your symptoms start. All your household members must self-isolate for 14 days.

**The date of symptom onset is day zero.**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

### **Symptoms**

The symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- recent onset of new continuous cough or



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- high temperature or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

**For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If you are concerned about your health or the health of anyone else in your house please seek advice from your GP or NHS 111 by phoning 111.**

**There are things you can do to reduce the risk of getting COVID-19:**

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

**Further Information**

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

You may be aware that there is a great deal of talk about a two week half term, and that some politicians are calling a 'reset' for the country. At the moment I am being told that it is 'business as usual' and we will break for the half term on Friday 23 October at **12.35 pm** and will open on Monday 2 November 2020. Should this change I will of course let you know.

I would like to wish you and your family a safe half-term.

Yours sincerely

Mr M J Slater  
**Head of School**