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Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a number of questions from parents about illness. Cumbria County Council have provided a guide which you might find useful, which I have attached with this letter. You can also access this by following this link:

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/elibrary/Content/Internet/535/17941/17942/4408812832.pdf>

Children should not attend school if they have at least one of the coronavirus symptoms which are:

- a high temperature (37.8°C or above. If you don't have a thermometer, feeling hot to the touch on your chest or back is a good indicator of a high temperature)
- a new, continuous cough (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. If you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If your child has displayed at least one of these symptoms in school, they will be sent home, along with any siblings, and should not return until they have had a negative test result, even if the symptoms have started to get better. The whole household should self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result and your child can only return when they have had a negative test result. Please inform us immediately about test results as we may need to take action quickly if the result is positive.

Whilst we know that there are many other illnesses circulating, we must follow the guidance to keep the school and wider community safe. If you are unsure, please speak to a medical professional. At school our first aid team will look for the symptoms above in making decisions about sending students home.

Yours faithfully

Ms. Jo Hawkin
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