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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we all look forward to the start of the summer holidays, at the end of another strange year, I thought it would be prudent to write to you so we can start our summer, with our families, as planned.

Whilst I am sure many of our students are looking forward to their summer holiday beginning when school ends for the year, at 12:40pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July, we must all be aware of the potential disruption a period of self-isolation will cause. I know you will all want to be able to start your holidays without any delay and we can support each other to achieve this by remaining cautious and vigilant when it comes to reducing the risks posed by the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

As you may know, there have been a number of confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in some of our local primary schools and last week we had our first positive result from a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test. This positive result meant we had to go through our contact tracing procedures and send a number of children home to self-isolate for 10 days. The confirmatory PCR test which followed this LFD test was also positive. The students who had to self-isolate will be able to return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July, provided neither they or other members of their household develop symptoms and/or receive a positive result, following a PCR test or LFD test (with subsequent confirmatory PCR test).

### **What you and your child can do to help**

Please make sure your child performs their LFD test every 3 to 4 days in order to identify any asymptomatic cases of coronavirus (COVID-19). If the test is positive, please inform the school as soon as possible and book a confirmatory PCR test. You can use the school's dedicated email address to report a positive LFD test to us: [covid19@marywebbschool.com](mailto:covid19@marywebbschool.com)

To book a PCR test please click on this link [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

If your child or any member of your household displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), please book a PCR test and begin self-isolating until the result of the test is known - **DO NOT** send your child to school, but **DO** contact the school to let us know your child will be absent. If your child is self-isolating and develops symptoms, they will still need to get a PCR test. Please inform us if this result comes back positive.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- **a high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your 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** - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

When in school, your child is expected to follow our procedures to prevent the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). These include the frequent sanitising of hands and wearing a face covering when moving between lessons. Please ensure your child comes to school with the following:

- Hand sanitiser
- Face covering (plus a spare, in a plastic bag)

Please continue to remind your child of the importance of maintaining social distancing when with their friends.

We really want your summer holidays to start as planned, without the need to self-isolate. By following the guidance outlined above, we can continue to reduce the risk of transmitting coronavirus (COVID-19) within our school community. In turn, this should help us to ensure your summer holidays start as planned.

Yours sincerely,

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