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Dear Parents,

As the National picture continues to change with the Coronavirus I wanted to write to you to keep you updated on the COVID-19 advice.

The Chief Medical Officer provided new advice around self-isolation and Public Health England have updated their web pages so we would encourage you to review the updated information online: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

The advice is that you should self-isolate at home for seven days if you have a recent onset of:

- A new continuous cough and/or
- High temperature

If staff or pupils have these symptoms then they should now take steps to stay at home and not leave their house for seven days from when their symptoms started.

Currently Miss Just is in self isolation. She is absolutely fit and well, however a member of her family is in isolation from symptoms of the virus and following DfE and PHE guidelines she will also be in self-isolation until Wednesday, when we will review the situation.

This will help to protect others in the community while they are infectious. Anyone displaying symptoms should not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

If you decide you need to keep your child at home and self-isolate you do not need to contact NHS 111 to tell them they are staying at home and Public Health England will not be testing people who are self-isolating with mild symptoms.

If your child is displaying the above symptoms and you decide they need to self-isolate please report their absence in the normal way to the school office.

You can view the guidance around self-isolation online:

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

Please rest assured we will continue to follow the latest government advice and keep everyone updated via our school communications.

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We will continue to provide regular updates regarding this situation and concerned parents should visit the NHS coronavirus webpage

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> in the first instance or phone NHS 111 and seek professional health advice.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sue Woods
Head Teacher