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Dear Parents,

Following some situations that have arisen in school over the past week, we have attached a useful "What to do If..." grid that has been put together by Greater Manchester NHS. In addition, we would like to remind parents of the following:

- If your child is not attending school for any reason, you must inform school of their absence, before 9:30am. You must give the reason for their absence so that we can follow our plans and procedures as it may impact on others.

- If your child needs a Covid-19 test, please inform school of the date of onset of symptoms, what the symptoms were, the date of the test and results. We also request that you send a copy of the test result to school, including for negative tests.

- If your child tests positive for Covid-19, you must inform the school immediately, whatever day or time, using head@hermitage.cheshire.sch.uk email address including name of child, year group, names and year groups of any siblings and a contact telephone number.

- If someone in your household tests positive for Covid-19, your child must not come to school and must complete 14 days of self-isolation. Please ensure that you let school know of your situation.

If your child has a cold and none of the coronavirus symptoms, then provided they feel well enough to attend school, they are expected to be in school learning. For example, if your child has a runny nose without a cough or temperature, they could be in school if they feel well enough. If your child has a particularly bad cold, without a cough or temperature, then they might need to be off school but would not need a Covid-19 test.

We appreciate that the guidance is complicated and there are lots of different scenarios. If you are at all unsure as to whether your child needs a test, please contact the NHS 111 online coronavirus service. To arrange a test, use the online form https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name or, with no internet access, call 119 to arrange a test.

Kind Regards,

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