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Dear Families,

As we approach the easing of further measures in the UK roadmap. We would like to remind our families that the virus is still in our communities and still poses challenges for us as a school community. Staff are working incredibly hard to ensure that your child is receiving a broad and balanced curriculum that engages and excites them whilst following our strict risk assessments.

It may still be the case that we still have to send your child home as a result of them displaying symptoms of Covid 19 and follow the government guidelines in relation to these symptoms. Whilst we appreciate that this can put an additional strain on the family then all having to isolate it is our public duty to protect everyone and ultimately live in a Covid free world. Most recently as a staff team we are seeing an increase in families becoming abusive towards members of staff. Albeit we welcome suggestions to improve our school we will not tolerate direct abuse towards staff.

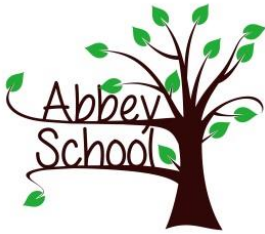
It remains the law that if your child is showing symptoms of covid you must get them a PCR test and isolate the household. Likewise, if your child is in a bubble that needs to isolate due to being in close contact they must not leave the family home until their 10 days is complete. By allowing close contact children out of the home environment you risk the health of other households and the risk of a Government fine for not isolating.

To be completely transparent the latest British Medical Journal advice on symptoms that schools should check in children related to covid are as follows:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Nasal congestion or runny nose
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Diarrhoea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Stomach ache
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle or body aches

We do have a limited amount of PCR tests in school which we can support you with getting your child an accurate test. By doing this you will usually receive the test result back the next day and your child will be able to return to school should the test result be negative.





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2021 remains a very challenging year for many of us, however the strong message that we learnt from the previous year was the power that showing kindness towards each other can have. Staff should feel safe to come to work and interact with families no matter what the conversation is about. In the spirit of mental health week, we would ask that we can continue to work together with kindness and respect.

As always thank you for your continued support

Yours Sincerely,

Mr W Askham
Head of School.

