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Coronavirus Information for Parents II

Dear Parents and Carer

This information follows the letter sent out last Friday which is also available on our website under Parents.

Following Public Health England advice, children with **a fever, a dry cough or shortness of breath** (symptoms which could indicate that they have COVID-19) should not be in school.

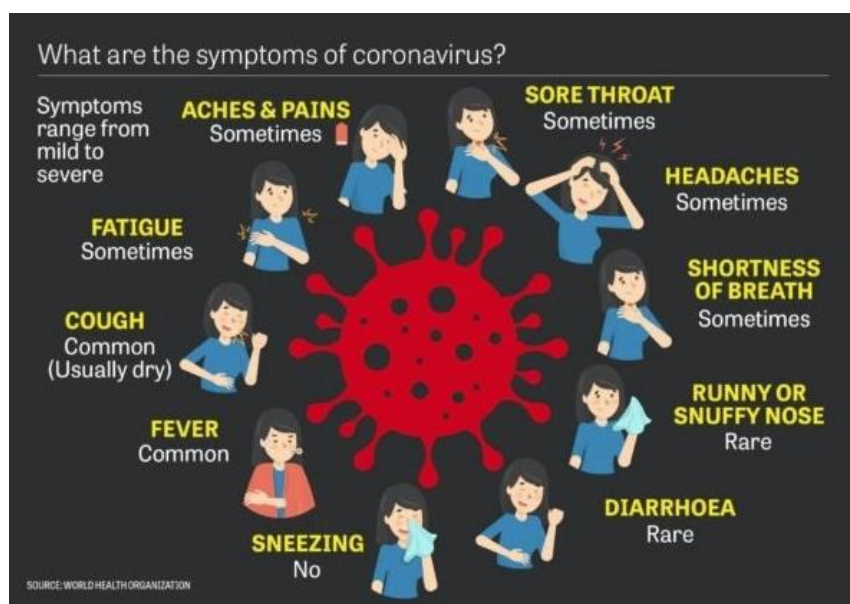
Anyone with a new, continuous cough or high temperature is advised to self-isolate for seven days.

If you are unsure, it is better to be cautious. If it turns out that if a cough *isn't* continuous and there are no other symptoms, self-isolation is not appropriate and the child may return to school. However, if a child coughs for a period at school they will be sent home. If a child has a fever they should not be in school for 7 days. Obviously, contact 111 if symptoms deteriorate.

We are trusting that parents will be honest about symptoms and act responsibly.

In addition to the actions for infection control in Friday's letter, the school is beginning to prepare for the event of a school closure.

1. Under the **Children** heading on the school's website <https://www.greatwood.lancs.sch.uk/> we have created a Home Learning section. This is where we will upload home learning activities. There will also a list of home learning websites that children can access.
2. We are checking with children about their access to resources to help learning at home – to judge where we may need to provide anything (e.g. paper and coloured pencils)
3. We are asking you update your contact information. We would like to have an email contact for at least one adult. Please check the information that we have on file on the red Data Sheet and return it to school straight away. Please re-sign the home-school agreement on the reverse and check that the medical information is correct. Although the school office can contact groups through Parent Pay, the teachers don't have access to this.
4. If your child is in receipt of free school meals and a school closure would mean that providing meals for your child may become difficult, please give school permission to pass your name and address on to a relevant organisation so that support may be put in place.



Finally, guidance for washing hands now includes before children leave school. It is hard to fit everything into the day with limited time so please be patient at the end of the day.

Year 4 parents – please be aware that we have already booked for the play to be videoed and available via streaming or DVD.

Sincerely,
John Ross, Headteacher.