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Dear Parents / Carers,

The advice round protecting the country's population changed yesterday as we moved from the 'containment' to the 'delay' stage of the coronavirus outbreak. The mass closures of schools that we feared will not happen immediately, if at all. However advice around isolating possible infectious people has changed and will affect how long children need to be away from school if they show any COVID-19 symptoms. From today the government's advice is -

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- **new continuous cough and/or**
- **high temperature**

if you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started.

NHS advice for temperature in children is -

A normal temperature in babies and children is about 36.4C, but this can vary slightly from child to child.

Public Health England describe a high temperature as 37.8 degrees centigrade or higher

The advice to stay at home applies to children as well as adults. If your child shows either of the above symptoms they should stay at home for seven days. Please inform us of your child's symptoms when you notify us of their absence. If we notice one of the symptoms while your child is in school we will contact you to take your child home. The main reason for this is of course the protection of all our children which will always be our main priority.

Yours sincerely

BJ Gill