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Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to send my sincerest hope that you are all well, and those around you are well too. I am writing this as the weather has decidedly become more 'winter like', and (most of) the children are in the main wrapped up warm and enjoying their playtime in the fresh air. The staff are really positive and impressed with the children, and I would like to pass this on to you all. It is quite remarkable.

There has been some confusion this week with some parents regarding the correct approach taken if a child is unwell. Some of this confusion has been when children have explained that their parents thought they had a temperature, or they had a cough themselves.

Therefore, if your child is poorly, for whatever reason, you must telephone the school, and explain their absence to a member of staff. This should take place in the morning.

In Gloucestershire more and more 'bubbles' of children are having to self-isolate, as there are an increasing number of Covid-19 cases being identified in schools. Yesterday I noticed that in Gloucestershire, a whole school has had to close for 14 days.

It is also the time of year when children and staff pick up bugs and illnesses quite easily. You will always be the best judge of how poorly your child is, and whether they can cope with a day in school, if they have a cold.

However, I must reinforce upon you some of the procedures we all need to follow:

- If your child is displaying any signs of Covid-19, then I would like you to arrange a test for them. During this time, they should **not** be at school. They should return to school once they have had a negative test result returned.
- Similarly, if any member of the household has had a positive test, then your child should not be in school, and should self-isolate for 14 days.

- If a child is unwell at school, and displaying symptoms, we will ask you to collect your child as soon as possible.
- If they have any siblings they will also need to be collected. The child **with the symptoms** will then need to be tested.
- If for any reason a test is not able to be taken, then the child with the symptoms must self-isolate for 14 days.

I appreciate that I have written to you about this before, during the months between the first lockdown and now. Nevertheless, I must remind you all that I take the safety of pupils, staff and parents seriously, especially when the country is supposed to be in the middle of a second national lockdown.

I would like to honestly thank you all for your continued support, patience and flexibility.

Take care.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brett Stevenson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brett Stevenson
Headteacher