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Dear Parents,

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week and we will be talking to the children about what to do if somebody is being bullied, differences between bullying and friendship conflicts and how difference is a positive thing.

We will have our **Odd Socks Day** on **Tuesday 16th November**, to mark **Anti-Bullying Week** and celebrate what makes us all unique. Children just have to wear an odd pair of socks!

It is also **Children in Need** day next **Friday 19th November** and the theme for this year is 'Together, We Can'. We will be supporting this by having a non-uniform day and children can bring in a donation. Thank you for your support with these events.

There has been a noticeable increase this week of children who are unwell with children off with coughs and colds. This is of course challenging for parents as well as the school community, particularly knowing whether to keep children at home or not.

We would appreciate it if you could observe the following procedures:

- Please keep children at home if they are at all unwell, even if they are not displaying typical COVID-19 symptoms. The NHS informs us that they are expecting higher levels of usual winter bugs this year and our priority remains to keep our community well and minimise disruption to our education provision.
- We know that the symptoms of COVID-19 are a new, continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of, or change in, the normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).
- If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known.
- However, the head of Merton Public Health has informed us of **some newer symptoms** that they have asked us to make you aware of that have also been leading to positive tests: they include **stomach ache, headache and flu like symptoms**. They advise that if your child has any of these symptoms then it would be advisable to get a PCR test to check that it is not the virus.
- If negative, the child can end isolation. If positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appear.

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- All parents are advised to continue with the routine twice weekly asymptomatic Lateral Flow Device COVID-19 testing of those aged 11 and above in the household.

Our position on this is that children who are feeling unwell should stay at home until feeling better. Our practice is below, but please do contact the School Office if you are unsure about whether to send your child into school.

Our updated School Risk Assessment and Frequently Asked Questions can be found on the school website under [Protective Measures \(please click here\)](#).

We have received CO₂ monitors from the government this week and have distributed them in classrooms so that we can monitor the ventilation within the classrooms.

Best wishes



Mr. K. Ellis
Headteacher

For further information and guidance:

How to order a PCR test if you or your child has COVID-19 symptoms:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

How to order a rapid COVID-19 test for asymptomatic testing: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>

How to report your rapid COVID-19 test results: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> or call 119 (free from mobile or landline)

Taking your child to primary school: What you need to know

https://www.wimbledonchaseschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2021.08.26_Return-to-Education_Primary-School-Leaflet_A5-1.pdf-1.pdf

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