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Dear Parents,

WINTER BUGS UPDATE

This week at school, we have certainly hit the winter bug season, with many pupils and staff unwell with coughs, colds and other illnesses. Thank you for bearing with us as we try to cover classes and for collecting your children when they become unwell during the school day.

We are continuing with our enhanced cleaning regime and encouraging hand washing and sanitiser as we have been informed by Public Health that this is **especially effective** against winter stomach bugs such as Norovirus.

The Merton Local Health Protection Team have informed us this week that COVID-19 numbers are going up in local schools and that they are seeing other symptoms, especially in the 5 -11 age group, such as:

1. Sickness and diarrhoea
2. Flu like symptoms

We are thankful that at the moment our numbers remain low. Their message is to have a PCR test as testing remains vital in reducing the risk of transmission of the infection within schools.

If you have one of the three classic COVID-19 symptoms you should self-isolate whilst awaiting the result of a PCR test; you do not need to self-isolate if you are waiting for the result if you do not have one of these symptoms. We are of course asking that with sickness and diarrhoea, staff and pupils do not return to school for 48 hours from the final bout of illness.

Our priority remains to keep our community well and minimise disruption to our education provision and we thank you for your support throughout this.

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)

Please keep children at home if they are at all unwell, even if they are not displaying typical COVID-19 symptoms.

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