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Dear Parent/Carer

Attendance Update

As we continue to live in unprecedented times we, as a school, have reviewed our current attendance policies to ensure it both supports our 96% attendance target while allowing for the flexibility required during the pandemic.

Please continue to log absence on the first day through the absence line answering machine on 01926 645611 before 8:50am. This will avoid us having to contact you during the day. School will continue to perform a first day absence call, text and email for parents to ensure all children are safeguarded. However, if we do not hear from you we will call home to speak to the named contact on the third day according to our records. Medical evidence to support absence through sickness is now only required after the **fifth** day but please do continue to contact us to discuss any long-term medical issues so we can see what can be done to support their education through this difficult time. Students with poor attendance records or where the school feels that there may be a safeguarding issue may be contacted earlier and we reserve the right to use our professional judgment around authorising absence.

Students who have symptoms of COVID-19 or have had a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test, should self-isolate and get a confirmatory polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. The average wait time for a PCR test and result is three days. School will contact home on the fifth and subsequent days seeking an update regarding the PCR test using an appropriate absence text or phone call. Please see the Covid Remote Learning Policy on our website for information on the support school will provide during this time if students are well enough to access the learning.

If a student tests negative from the PCR test and they feel well, they can stop self-isolating and return to school. If a student tests positive on the PCR test, they should continue to self-isolate in line with public health guidance.

Please be aware the school is no longer responsible for track and trace and follows advice given by Public Health England.

Yours sincerely

Mr Gowney-Hedges
Deputy Headteacher