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Dear Parents and Carers

Important Information for all Children Currently Attending School

I would like to take this opportunity to update you of our process if your child tests positive for COVID-19 over the Bank Holiday.

If your child has **any of the main symptoms** of coronavirus, the entire household must isolate and your child must have a PCR test.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- **A high temperature** - this means you feel hot to the touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **A new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 of more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If, over the bank holiday weekend, a test result comes back positive, you must notify the school using the dedicated email address: covid@southbersted.co.uk.

If the school is contacted via the email address, we will contact Public Health England to follow their advice. This will include contacting close contacts and asking them to isolate in-line with Test and Trace.

You do not need to use the COVID email address if your child has had a test but you are awaiting the result, if another family/household member has taken a test or if the outcome of your child's test is negative. We only need to be notified of positive cases in children attending the school.

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Lateral Flow Tests:

A reminder that lateral flow testing (LFT) is not recommended by the Government for primary aged children, as per the below link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

These tests are not accurate for children of primary school age and the main PCR tests should be used instead, please see the below link for further information:

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

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely



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