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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID-19 Update

I hope that you have all had a lovely and relaxing half term.

On the 24th February 2022, the Prime Minister updated the guidance in 'COVID-19 Response: Living with COVID-19.' As part of these plans, the legal requirement to self-isolate has been removed following a positive COVID-19 test result.

The Government continues to recommend that people who test positive, should still stay home and avoid contact with others.

Following this, we require all students and staff to continue to follow this advice until 1 April 2022 when further Government updates will be provided.

What happens if my child displays symptoms of COVID?

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you have any of these symptoms you <u>should order a PCR test</u>. You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result.

What happens if my child tests positive for COVID?

The guidance states that, 'children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious.

They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are

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negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

How do I contact the school?

During school hours please contact the school office. Outside of school hours, please use the school's email address to report a positive case: covid@southbersted.co.uk

How will my child access learning if they test positive?

Your child's class teacher will continue to set work via Class Dojo for EYFS and KS1, and via Google Classroom for Key Stage 2.

Will I know if there is a positive case of COVID in my child's class?

Each week, we will continue to update parents and carers on the number of positive cases across the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Noel Goodwin

Headteacher















