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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you as always for all your support this week in making the new routines work as smoothly as possible. I have been incredibly impressed with how well the children, parents and staff have adapted to our new ways of working.

I thought it would be useful to outline our plans should a child or member of staff develop COVID-19. I absolutely hope that this will never happen, but feel it is important that you know and understand the process that would take place should this unfortunate situation arise. To be clear, **COVID-19 symptoms** are classed as the following:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of sense of smell or taste

I have specified the procedure to follow in each situation.

If your child develops coronavirus symptoms...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child does not come to school • Contact school to inform us • Arrange for your child to have a test • Your child will need to isolate for 10 days • You and your household need to self-isolate for 14 days • Please let school know the results of the test either way and discuss a date for your child to return to school
If you as a parent/carer, or someone in your household, develop coronavirus symptoms...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child does not to come to school • Contact school to inform us and have a test • Isolate for 10 days • Your household needs to self-isolate for 14 days • Your child does not need a test unless they develop symptoms, but will need to stay off for the full 14 days as part of your household • Please let school know the results of the test either way and discuss a date for your child to return to school
If your child is identified as a 'close contact' of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child does not come to school • Your child needs to self-isolate for 14 days from when the person who tested positive first developed symptoms • Your child does not need a test unless they develop symptoms



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Your child has spent time with someone who has been identified as a 'close contact' of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your child can come to school• No action is required unless your child develops symptoms
Your child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow usual school absence procedures

If a child or member of staff tests positive for COVID-19, schools must send home those people who have been in **close contact** with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person.

Close contact means:

- face to face contact (within 1 metre) with an infected individual, including being coughed on
- having skin-to-skin physical contact
- being within 2 metres of an infected individual for more than 15 minutes
- travelling in a vehicle with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

In school, a child who has been taught in the same class as someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 would also be classed as a '**close contact**'.

A person who maintained appropriate social distancing (over 2 metres) would **not** be classed as a contact.

If a child or a member of staff does test positive, this will mean that we may have to send all members of the bubble or year group home. This could be at short notice and **it is therefore important that we have the correct contact details for you**. In this situation we will send you a text message as well as a message via School Ping.

Thank you for your continued support in making it possible to keep Low Ash running smoothly in what can be complicated circumstances. Have a lovely weekend and see you next week.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Meer

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