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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to welcome all pupils to school and once again be back together as a school community.

As you may be aware the number of Covid-19 cases has risen recently causing concern and leading to local lockdowns in some parts of the country. Currently, Medway's Covid-19 cases remain relatively low, although the R rate (re-infection rate) has risen in the South East, meaning that there is likely to be a rise in cases.

As a school, we need to ensure that we are doing everything possible to keep all pupils and staff safe.

Our Covid-19 measures including; social distancing, enhanced cleaning and frequent hand washing and sanitizing have become routine. We have to remain firm and consistent in our approach to Covid-19 safety measures. Therefore, where a child behaves in a deliberately unsafe way, for example, by deliberately coughing or spitting on someone, or by moving across key stage bubbles, we will take this very seriously. The problem will still be approached as an opportunity for further learning, but will also prompt urgent discussion with the pupil's parents or carers and an update made to the pupil's individual risk assessment. All such incidents will result in a consequence, as outlined in our behaviour policy covid addendum.

I want to be clear and for you to understand what steps need to be taken in the event of your son/daughter having Covid-19 symptoms. The attached document explains this clearly, from the onset of symptoms to organising a test. It is important that you contact the school and inform us of the outcome of any Covid-19 test.

Should a pupil or member of staff test positive for Covid-19, we will immediately consult with Public Health England and follow guidance. It is highly probable that we will be advising anyone who has had close contact with the infected person to self-isolate for 14 days.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards

Mrs F May
Headteacher