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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to you today out of sheer frustration and I am aware that lots of you are feeling the same way.

The procedures we are following to protect **all of the children and staff** so that the school can remain open are being undermined each day by parents who feel that the restrictions that the rest of us are carefully following do not apply to them, namely the following generally:

- Everyone has a 5-minute window to drop off and collect your children (if you miss your slot your children are mixing with other children and increasing the risk of cross contamination).
- We have repeatedly asked you to wear masks before you enter the playground, two individuals have provided us with proof that they are exempt from this but over 30 parents each day walk in with no face covering at all.
- We have made it clear that all children from Y1 up should now be walking in on their own but again the same families feel that this does not apply to them and get angry when asked to stop.
- We have made it clear that only one person should be entering the playground and again the same families feel that this does not apply to them and get angry when asked to stop.
- We have asked that you do not park on double yellow lines or just stop the car on the main road blocking the traffic. Also if you have to drive that you park your car considerably not blocking people's drives.
- Some parents have been asking their child to walk into the street alone and unsupervised, and some have left their younger children at the traffic lights to walk in alone, your children are not our responsibility until they walk into the playground.

More worryingly there have been issues related to people with symptoms:

- We have heard that parents who have symptoms and are waiting for test results are still entering the playground to drop off and collect their children. If anyone in the household has symptoms that whole household should be self-isolating until the test results are received.
- We are aware that children we have asked to self-isolate have been brought to school with siblings to drop off and collect other children or mingle with the general public by going shopping.
- We are hearing about children being taken for tests but we are not informed of the results of those tests.
- We are aware that children have been brought to school with symptoms and then we have to quarantine them and send them straight home again, recommending that they go for a test. This puts other children and staff at risk.

I do not want to close any more bubbles, as we get closer to Christmas this could potentially mean that some of us would have to self-isolate over the Christmas Holiday stopping us from meeting up with family. I know that I am talking to a small number of you but the implications of the way that you are behaving is having an impact on all of us.



Moving forward please:

- Make sure that anyone dropping off or collecting your children is aware of the expectations
- Wear a mask or face covering.



- Follow the self-isolation guidelines

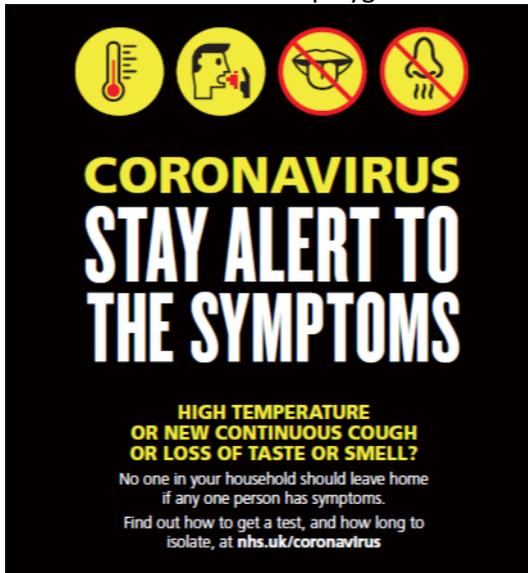
How to self-isolate

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

Don't

- ✗ do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- ✗ do not go on public transport or use taxis
- ✗ do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- ✗ do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- ✗ do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one

- Do not enter the playground if you or anyone in your family have symptoms.



Stay safe

Miss Melanie Scull
Headteacher

