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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, may I say how wonderful it has been to have the children back with us over the last couple of days; their enthusiasm and happiness has been inspiring and they are quickly settling into their new surroundings and routines.

The main purpose of this letter is to further inform parents now that the COVID rules have changed; I wanted to update you regarding the latest guidance and expectations around coronavirus.

The most significant change for us is that children and fully vaccinated adults no longer need to isolate if they have had contact with a positive case of Coronavirus, unless they are directed to do so by NHS Track and Trace, or they subsequently develop symptoms or test positive.

In general, the advice is to continue to be vigilant to the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- A new, continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss or change to their sense of taste or smell

(The Delta variant has also highlighted symptoms including headache, sore throat and sickness/diarrhoea)

As previously, if a child develops symptoms whilst at school, we will ask you to come and collect them as soon as possible – they will be kept in an isolation space near the front of school until they are collected. We ask that you then arrange for your child to have a PCR coronavirus test **as soon as possible**.

Please see that table below for a summary of the information:

If...	Then...
My child develops symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child must isolate and a PCR test should be booked as soon as possible.
A member of the household tests positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unaffected children can come to school but book a PCR and remain vigilant for potential symptoms.
My child comes into contact with a positive case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children can come to school unless they are advised to isolate by Track and Trace. Remain vigilant for potential symptoms.
My child tests positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child must isolate; other household members do not need to isolate unless they are advised to isolate by Track and Trace – siblings can continue to attend school. Remain vigilant for potential symptoms.

Please get in touch with school staff if you have any questions or queries.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Kate Mather
Head teacher