



Dear Parents and Carers,

## **RE: Are children and adult symptoms the same?**

Like me, I am sure many of you have heard of some new research that indicates COVID 19 symptoms in children may be different to those displayed by adults. I am not a medical professional and do not claim to know that these are definitely symptoms but I thought it may be helpful to share this information with you as we work together to keep each other safe.

We are all aware of the common symptoms that we need to check for COVID 19 - fever, cough and lack of smell/taste. Other symptoms that may indicate a child has COVID19 are listed below. This is not an exhaustive list and I must make it very clear that the government have not added these to the list of symptoms.

- Fatigue
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Skipping meals
- Diarrhoea
- Vomiting
- Unusual skin rash



Our experience in school this week is that GPs are recommending COVID tests for pupils with these symptoms. To keep our school community safe, I would ask that if your child has any of these symptoms you should also seek medical advice from your GP. Please also be reassured we have not had a confirmed case of COVID 19 to date.

**New School Procedure** - any pupil who has been off school with the symptoms listed above can return to school when we have confirmed this is ok. Parents should email the office with the details of the medical advice given to them. The school will confirm if and when the pupil may return to school.

As I said before, I am not a medical professional and acknowledge these symptoms are currently not published as red flags by the government. What I do need to ensure is that I feel comfortable with the arrangements in school to keep everyone safe and hope that you will understand the reasons sharing this information with you, for adapting our procedures for pupils returning to school after an illness and find it reassuring.

Yours sincerely,

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