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Dear Parents

We have had a number of questions regarding Covid-19 symptoms, self-isolation and testing in the last week.

The Government's guidelines say that if you, your child or anyone in your household or childcare support bubble have ANY symptoms of COVID-19, then you must ALL self-isolate. This means that all the children in your household have to stay at home and cannot come to school.

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are the following:

- a high temperature
- a new cough
- a loss or change in your sense of smell or taste.

You will then need to arrange to have a PCR test to confirm whether the person with the symptoms is positive with COVID-19. This cannot be confirmed using a lateral flow device. If the PCR test is negative, then your children no longer need to self-isolate and can return to school straight away.

Please can you keep the school informed at all times as we may need to close a bubble.

To see the Government's latest guidance, please click on the link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection#symptoms>

If you have any questions or you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to call the school or email me at debbie.shepherd@bythams.sch.uk .

Thank you for your continued support,

Debbie Shepherd

Acting Headteacher

