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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you again for all of the support that you are showing school through what is proving to be a very difficult time. You will all be aware by now of the number of classes that we have had to close due to positive cases being identified within them. Can I assure parents that in each of these cases, as soon as school has been notified of a positive test result, we have taken swift and appropriate action; hence class closures with both staff and pupils being sent home to self-isolate. I have been communicating with Bolton Public Health Team who are fully aware of the positive cases within school and are happy with the actions that we have taken.

I thought this might be a good opportunity to remind parents that if your child was showing covid symptoms then you, your child and household must stay at home. The symptoms per government guidance are:

- A high temperature (37.8 or above);
- A new continuous cough where you keep on coughing (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour or coughing more than 3 times in a day);
- Losing, or a change to, your sense of smell or taste.

If anyone in your household is showing these symptoms **then you must stay at home and book a test**. You can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to arrange a test or contact NHS 119 via telephone if you do not have internet access. If you book a test for anyone in your household, then the whole household needs to remain at home until a negative test result is returned. This means that even if your child is not symptomatic, they are well, but someone in your house has symptoms or a test booked then you must all self-isolate until a negative test is returned.

If your child is absent from school because they have started to show symptoms, or someone in your household is symptomatic then please let us know and keep us informed with test results. We do request to see a negative result (IF we are aware that a child or household member has had a test) so that we are satisfied children can return to school. This is where we are all acting on each other's trust and good will, as school can only take action on cases that it is aware of. If your child was poorly and had unfortunately tested positive then you must let school know as soon as you are able – either by ringing the school office or if out of hours please email [office@st-james-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-james-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk) or send a private message to us on our Facebook page. **School WILL take (and HAS taken) immediate action on any positive cases as soon as we are made aware.**

I appreciate that the guidance can get quite complicated at times, so I am more than happy to answer any questions that any of you may have around anything I have mentioned in this letter. Please contact the school office if you wish to speak to me or if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Belfield  
Principal