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**Advice to Parents of children in Owls - warn and inform letter – Covid 19.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last few days and this morning, we have been made aware that there are several confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school with more suspected cases awaiting results, particularly in Owls.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child and the school. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

We will remain open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. We encourage you to do a lateral flow test on your child every day for the next 7 days to help identify cases promptly.

**What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19**

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should do a lateral flow test and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least day 6. They can return to school on day 6 if they have a negative lateral flow test result on day 5 and day 6 and are well enough to attend. If the test is still positive they will need to isolate for the 10 days.

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). **We are aware that many children who have tested positive have not had all these symptoms; many have a runny nose, sneezing and/ or a headache.**

We understand that this may be concerning for you, we have taken measures in school to reduce the spread by limiting any mixing between year groups, face coverings and increased handwashing.

We will be very vigilant if any children develop symptoms and will contact parents straight away to do a lateral flow test . We appreciate your support and understanding with this.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sumner,  
Headteacher.