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Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid Testing Guidance

We are aware that some of our families have rightly been worried about when and how their child should get tested. We understand that it is difficult to make a decision when it's quite normal for children to get poorly with seasonal colds and flu which may not be Covid related.

As a school we feel it is important that you get the right information to help you to decide whether you should get your child tested and to avoid children and their families self-isolating unnecessarily.

The Department for Education has worked closely with Public Health England (PHE) and NHS Test and Trace and have provide the following updates for schools to share with parents.

NHS have made testing available throughout the country and anyone with symptoms can book a test online (www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test) or over the telephone through 119 to get the certainty they need to protect themselves and those around them.

NHS Guidance

Members of our Church Hill community who feel unwell should only get tested if they develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell, or
- they are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP/nurse)

If a pupil, parent or staff member develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, only they should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic.

We understand that pupils may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. These pupils don't need to book a test but may need to stay off school and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.



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Thank you for your support on this most vital mission to get our children back to school, learning happily and safely.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Balsara
Head Teacher



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