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Reporting Covid 19 Symptoms

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Dear Parent/Carer

Fortunately, levels of Covid 19 in Liverpool remain very low. I am sure that we are all enjoying the increased levels of freedom and normality returning to our lives! Certainly it has been wonderful for school to have been open to all children-every day-since 8th March without incident!

It is therefore vital that we continue to work together to keep our whole community as safe as possible.

In school, staff are asked to take two lateral flow tests every week. I know that many parents and carers are also taking part in regular tests. Some parents also choose to test their children regularly.

These lateral flow tests are a very important part of life returning to normal. **However, they are not suitable for use for a child or adult who displays recognised symptoms of Covid 19.** The Government, Public Health England and Liverpool City Council still insist that if an adult or child displays a recognised symptom of Covid 19, they must have a full PCR test. The entire household is still expected to self-isolate whilst awaiting a result.

Therefore, if your child or any member of your household develops any symptoms, your child must self-isolate until the result of the PCR test and not attend school.

The main symptoms of Covid 19 are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

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If you need to report symptoms, or have any issues related to Covid 19, please contact the school office. In addition we still have our out of hours Covid Service. This is a text or WhatsApp service on 07593549842 or email covidlead@middlefield.liverpool.sch.uk

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Potter', is written over a light blue background.

Mr David Potter

Head Teacher