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Dear Shacklewell Families,

As you may be aware, locally and nationally, we are experiencing a rise in confirmed COVID-19 cases. As a result, we are currently experiencing an increase in cases in children and staff at school. We therefore wanted to write to you to share the current government guidance for schools.

Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school. Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

It is not recommended that children are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional. If your child has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **3 days** after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults. Adults are advised to limit their contact with others for 5 days after testing positive.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

If your child is unwell with COVID-19, please continue to follow the school absence policy and contact the school before 9am on the first day of your child's absence.

The full guidance can be found [here](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

Kind regards

Rory McGrath
Headteacher