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Day 3 – URGENT Covid-19 Symptoms and Action

Dear Parent,

You may be aware that there has been a change to national guidance imposing greater restrictions as the Covid-19 transmission rate is rising again. This is a helpful reminder of how careful we all need to be to keep others safe, especially the most vulnerable in our community. Please read this so you are absolutely certain of the actions you should take if your child becomes unwell. This is Government and Public Health England guidance, that we support and must be applied by everyone in our community.

Do NOT attempt to send your child to school for any reason if anyone in your household is displaying any one or combination of symptoms below:

- A new, continuous cough
- High temperature
- Loss, change in normal sense of taste or smell

It is a parents responsibility to 'stay alert' and monitor for symptoms taking the action below whenever they arise. Should anyone in your household display any symptom above, you **MUST**

- start a period of isolation – 10 days minimum for the person with symptoms; 14 days for everyone else that lives in the household..
- Make immediate arrangements for testing members of the household displaying symptoms. You may use the following website to book a test centre or a home testing kit:
 - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>
- If you need more information about self isolation please visit:
 - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Although parents will be in a very good position to make their decision after reading the above NHS guide, we are also happy to provide guidance where there are specific or complex circumstances.



Please email questions, queries or concerns to office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Please do not take risks with the health of others if you are uncertain, check with us and we will provide clear guidance on whether your child could and should attend school.

If your child has any other symptoms of ill health then normal decision making will apply.

We are heavily reliant on every single family acting responsibly and in the interests of the health and welfare of all families in our community. Sending a child into school if you know or suspect they have any of the COVID 19 symptoms is exceptionally reckless and dangerous to:

- The health of other vulnerable children and staff
- The financial stability of other families
- The continued opening of classes, year groups and potentially the school
- Children's academic achievement

Please, please, please, act responsibly in the interests of the whole community at all times until we are safely beyond this most challenging pandemic – DO NOT send a child into school if anyone in your household is displaying Covid-19 symptoms. We must take immediate action if a child is displaying symptoms this may include refusal to admit a child into school if they are coughing whilst waiting to enter the school premises.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Jolley".