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Dear parents and carers,

What a tremendous start we have had to our new term at Grove.

We are very pleased with the way pupils have adapted to the new hygiene systems in school.

We have:

- Temperature check on arrival at school
- Handwashing throughout the school day
- Increased cleaning of touch points across the school
- Simple routes through the school to reduce contact between year groups
- New first aid rooms for pupils who show symptoms of coronavirus
- Staff trained on all of our new systems
- Staggered times at the end of the school day for all year groups.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and support with our new school systems. **We ask that parents and carers maintain a good social distance (of at least 1 metre) when you drop your children at school in the morning and when you collect them at the end of the school day.** This is to help everyone stay safe. We have put posters on the fence to help maintain social distancing.

If your child or anyone in your household has symptoms of coronavirus we ask that you take them for a test.

Here is more information about how to check if you or your child has coronavirus symptoms:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms>



The main symptoms of coronavirus 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

What to do if your child or anyone in your household has symptoms of coronavirus?

If your child or anyone in the household has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.

What do I do if I do not get my child or people in my household tested?

If you decide not to take your child or someone in your house who has coronavirus symptoms for a test, the government are requesting that **your child or that person in your household self-isolates for 10 days**. This means your child or the person in your household would remain at home for 10 days from the start of the coronavirus symptom(s).

Other members of your household, including those who do not have any symptoms, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

We hope that you will choose to take your child for a test if they show any symptoms.

What if my child has a test and it is negative?

If the test is negative they will be able to return to school as soon as they feel better.



Grove School

If you have any questions or need any support with the information in this letter please email school on enquiry@grove.bham.sch.uk.

We are looking forward to seeing your children make really good progress this term in school.

Yours sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures are present. The first signature, on the left, appears to be 'P Matty'. The second signature, on the right, is 'J Baker' with a long horizontal line underneath it.

Mrs P Matty and Ms J Baker