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Dear Parents and Carers

In an ever-changing framework and as we learn to manage significant student absence on a daily basis, I know we have been asking for a lot of help and support from you. I do apologise for the volume of letters, but as we solve one problem, another pops up, we need your ongoing help and support.

I recently had to stay at home whilst my three boys were tested for COVID, they had symptoms, but I was convinced that this was just a cold. After two days and all three starting to cough really quite badly, I began to worry that I had got this wrong and booked a test. There are frustrations around securing tests and receiving results, I do understand that, but setting these to one side, we are seeing parents of our children here falling into the same pattern as the one I experienced. If you do have a child off school ill and for any reason you feel that they need to have a COVID test, you must inform the school. This allows the school to build a picture of where and who we might need to identify for possible isolation. It also allows for the school to track those students who have had tests on the understanding that we are only taking our children to tests if they show symptoms and therefore there is a possibility of them having the virus.

If your child is absent from school and has a COVID test, please let the school know.

When your child is ready to return to school please would you email the school office in advance to confirm and share:

- The test results for your child (please include a copy in your email)
- Confirmation of the outcome(s) for any other test results within your household
- That nobody in your household is now displaying COVID symptoms

Please would you ensure that your email clearly confirms all the points above.

Please email: returertoschool@psf.wirral.sch.uk

Email Subject: Your Child's (Form) - Return to School Confirmation – Date

Invariably students come into school and talk to other students or staff, and they tell them about the test. We need to manage concerns of others and it is very difficult to do that if you do not share the need for a test or the outcome, and it subsequently comes out in a conversation without our prior knowledge. Many members of our community are very anxious for their health, the health of their family, just as many of us as parents are anxious about what the right thing to do is at this time.

Please, please do not send your children to school if they have had a test or anyone else in your household has had a test, until everyone gets a negative test result or 14 days have elapsed from the onset of symptoms as per the government health guidelines.

If there is any confusion or a lack of clarity we cannot have the student in school and we will have to send them home to you. I do honestly appreciate your help and support, and I do understand just how difficult this situation is for parents, thank you for all your support.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Flanagan
Headteacher