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Dear Parent/Carer

It is fantastic to see the school fully open and the students able to use the full range of facilities.

As COVID-19 has not gone away and is still very much in our community, please can I once again urge you to ensure that your child is testing twice weekly using the LFD home testing kits. This helps to prevent further infections in school and will hopefully mean that we don't end up in another lockdown.

As a reminder, if your child has any of the following symptoms or tests positive on a LFD test they must not come in to school and you will need to book them a PCR test along with the rest of the household. The student must self-isolate and the rest of the household must also self-isolate (unless they are exempt from doing so)

The main symptoms of coronavirus (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

Once the PCR returns please inform the school by using the covidresults@woodgreenacademy.co.uk email address giving the following information.

- Name of student:
- Year and Form:
- Type of test taken (LFD or PCR):
- Test result (Positive or Negative):
- When the test was taken:
- Symptoms (if any):
- Names of close contacts at break, lunch and to/from school:

Please also use the email address above to inform us of any positive LFD tests.

We have also been informed by Public Health, Sandwell that if your child has any of the following symptoms it is likely to be a cold, however it would be wise for your child to do a LFD test just in case:

- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Severe headache
- Tummy aches

As we move through the term it may be that we are advised to re-introduce some of the restrictions we had to employ last year and I would like to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding in this regard.

Many thanks and stay safe

Mr J Topham
Headteacher