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Dear Parents/Carers,

As the term progresses, it is inevitable that children and staff will suffer from various common illnesses that circulate at this time of year. Whilst we will use common sense, we are not medical practitioners.

We have Guidelines that state clearly that if any adult or child displays any of the three symptoms they must be sent home and directed to get a test.

1. Temperature of 37.8°C or above
2. new continuous cough
3. change to or loss of sense of taste/smell.

Any siblings in the school or attending other schools must also be taken out of school. 'Advise that individual needs to isolate at home for 10 days (other household contacts 14 days) from the day symptoms started and follow stay at home guidance.' **If the test proves to be negative, all children can return to their school immediately providing they are feeling well.**

No matter what the time, everyone in that bubble will be informed. It is not to cause panic, it is so that you and your families can be vigilant, assess whether family plans may need to change or whether you have vulnerable people in your family. Personally I would like to be informed, but please be patient as these may become more frequent. Once a result has been gained, we will inform the bubble as to whether it is positive or negative. Attached is a really useful guide with FAQ. Moving forward, it is certain that we will have more children and adults who display some symptoms. We mustn't jump to conclusions but must always follow procedures. Any child or adult will remain anonymous and be dealt with sensitively.

Thank you for your understanding and support in these challenging times. If your child develops symptoms over the weekend or out of school hours and you have arranged a test, please email head@calthwaite.cumbria.sch.uk so that I can get information out to parents and I will contact you.

Kind regards

Mr J. Harvey