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Dear Parents & Carers,

As many of you will be aware, there have been a number of confirmed, positive cases of Covid-19 in Hesleden. Several of our families are now in self-isolation.

While this has not yet directly affected our classes/bubbles, I fear this is now only a matter of time.

With this in mind, I again urge you to please note the following advice and guidance:

- **If your child, or anyone they live with, develops symptoms (new persistent cough, high temperature, loss/ change of taste or smell) they must not come to school.** They must stay at home and take a test. They can return either after a negative test, or after the isolation period if they, or anyone they live with, tests positive.

If you are in any doubt as to what you should do, please call us at school – 01429 836376 – and we will share the advice we have.

If your child/anyone they live with does take a test, even if they have not been in school for a while, you must let us know so that we can take swift action in identifying any other contacts or potential cases.

If you are a contact of someone with a positive case (e.g. you have been contacted by Track and Trace), you must also self-isolate, even if you have a negative test result, as symptoms can take up to 14 days to develop.

Please also:

- **Maintain a 2m social distance** at drop off, and particularly at pick up times, especially inside the gate area
- **Leave the site immediately** after you have dropped off/collected your children to make way for others – please move away from the gate entrance
- **DO NOT approach members of staff unless you are wearing a face covering.** This includes passing messages to Mrs Fletcher / other greeters on a morning, and at pick up. Please continue to keep a safe distance – staff will move away from you if you are too close – please don't be offended by this. In the event of staff becoming ill or needing to isolate, this will affect the attendance of your children.

If you need to share information, Mrs Medcalf will pass on any messages if you contact school by telephone. Teachers will call you to pass on any information you may need.

Your ongoing support and understanding in this matter is much appreciated while we continue to try and keep everyone safe and in school.

Mrs Dunn