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Dear parents,

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support for the school's protective measures, and especially those families that have emailed the school office for advice and guidance on individual circumstances. You will be aware that the letter sent home from the *Department for Education* on Wednesday this week (attached again for your reference) makes it clear about the need for 'household isolation' if any member of your household has coronavirus symptoms and/or is awaiting a COVID-19 test result.

I have also attached a guide which explains the correct action to take in a number of 'what if' scenarios. If you have any questions or are uncertain as to whether or not your child may have COVID-19 symptoms, please email or call the school office so that we can help you. **Please do not use class Facebook pages/Whatsapp groups as a means of determining whether or not your child is well enough to be in school.**

The safety of all members of our school community is of paramount importance, especially as a number of our children have immediate family members who are extremely clinically vulnerable, and if everyone follows the guidance provided at all times, we can reduce the risk of the virus spreading through our school community. Please remember that we will provide home learning for your child if they are absent for reasons related to COVID-19. The class teacher will liaise directly with parents and provide learning for your child within 24 hours of being informed of any isolation.

It has been another great week at school and today we awarded our growth mindset certificates during this week's celebration assembly. Children will continue to access their outside learning and play areas in all weathers, so please ensure they have a waterproof coat in school and wellington boots. Our Forest School provision reopens next week after extensive remedial tree work, and I know that the children will love being able to resume this part of their learning activities.

Next Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, we will be taking part in the **Anti-Bullying Assembly 2020, hosted by the Diana Award organisation**, and we're looking forward to seeing the famous celebrities supporting this event and following up with class activities to ensure that our children understand the different types of bullying and how we should all be committed to tackling this if we see or hear unkind behaviour. **Children may wear 'odd socks' to school next week** as we focus on this important issue and celebrate that we are all different and this is what makes us special.

I wish you all a lovely weekend with your family.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Lavelle  
Head Teacher