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Dear Parent/ carer,

Thank you for another successful week where the children have settled more into the routines and expectations of school. Pick up and drop off continue to get smoother and calmer. I appreciate your support in this.

I would like to outline what happens should your child become unwell and what you should do. The table below outlines the actions you need to take based on some example scenarios [not an exhaustive list]. Please be reminded of the COVID symptoms as outlined by the Government:

- High temperature [above 37.8c]
- New, dry, continuous cough
- Loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

What to do if...	Action needed...	Return to school when ...
...my child has coronavirus symptoms	- Stay at home - Contact school daily -Self-Isolate -Inform school immediately about test result	...the test comes back negative
...my child tests positive for coronavirus	- Stay at home -Self-isolate for at least 10 days -Inform school immediately about test result	...they feel better. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection has gone
...somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms	- Stay at home - Contact school daily -Self-isolate -Household member to get a test -Inform school immediately about test result	...the household member test is negative
...somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus	- Stay at home -Self-isolate for 14 days	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
...NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with	- Stay at home -Self-isolate for 14 days	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation

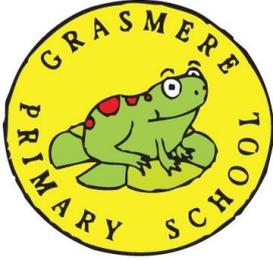


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symptoms or confirmed coronavirus		
...we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<p>-Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</p> <p>-Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</p> <p>-Provide information to school as per attendance policy</p> <p><u>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed</u></p> <p>-Stay at home</p> <p>-Self-isolate for 14 days</p>	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed

I am sure you are aware of a rising infection rate and therefore an increased demand in obtaining a test. The capacity of the system is definitely stretched. However frustrating this is, you MUST keep trying to obtain a test if you need to as otherwise the school cannot readmit a child who has COVID symptoms until after 10 days.

In Hackney there are two testing sites:

1. Bentley Road, Bentley Road car park, Dalston, N1 4DB. 8am - 8pm, seven days a week.
2. Stamford Hill, Yesodey Hatorah School, Egerton Road, N16 6UB. 10.30am-3.30pm on the following days: 27, 29, 30 September and 1, 18 and 25 October.

NOTE: For the time being, these sites are not able to accept walk-up tests without an appointment. Anyone requiring a COVID-19 test will need to book this either online [here](#) or by calling 119.

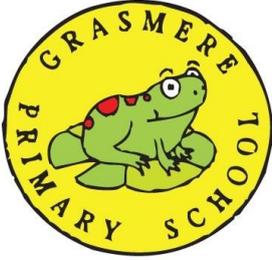
With the possibility of more children self-isolating due to increased household COVID related illness or themselves testing positive, the school will be of course provide home learning for any child [as long as they are well enough]. I will outline and clarify the offer at the start of next week.

If you have any further questions, please do get in touch. It is a lot to take in and the school can support if you are unsure.

Kind regards,

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