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RE: Returning to school after a test or self-isolation

Dear parents/carers,

You will all be aware, through the news and other media outlets, that cases of infection are beginning to rise. It is important that we, the Heathlands community, are following all guidelines set out by the government.

- If your child is asked to get a test, they are only allowed back to school after a negative test result or after a period of **10 days isolation** from the first day of symptoms.
- If your child has siblings in the school, the siblings must isolate for **14 days** from the day the child with symptoms began feeling unwell.

Please see the following guidance for families on what to do in the case of someone in the household having symptoms. This includes not leaving the house for 14 days from the day any household member has symptoms.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

NB: If your child has been self-isolating for any of the above reasons and a negative test has been received could you please immediately inform school that this has happened. This will avoid us having to contact you to check if your child should be back in school.

In the event of a positive test in school, we will be guided by the advice from Public Health England. We will contact affected families when we have been guided to do so by Public Health England. A rapid risk assessment will take place and Public Health England will work with school to guide us through any actions that we may need to take.

I thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Higgins (Headteacher)

