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### **Important Covid-19 update**

Dear Parents,

Last week we saw a number of children or members of households being tested for Covid-19 after becoming unwell, and subsequently we sent additional communication with information about when to go for a test.

If your child has the symptoms of a cold, they do not need to stay away from school but if they develop one or more of the three key symptoms of Covid-19: a high temperature; a new continuous cough (continuous for more than 1 hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours) or a loss of or change to the sense of smell or taste, please keep them at home and get them a test. Please let school know if you are experiencing any difficulties accessing a test.

If the test is **negative, your child can return to school**. If the test is **positive, your child and your family will all need to self-isolate for 14 days**. This will also mean that we will need to close the 'bubble' or class concerned and send those children and staff who have been in close contact home for two weeks following advice from DfE and the local authority. If this happens, teachers are ready to provide learning remotely which will start with a 2-week resource pack which will be delivered to your house on the first school day of self-isolation. This will be supported by the use of additional remote learning resources.

### **Free School Meals**

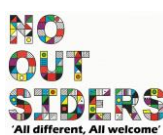
If your child is unable to attend school because they are required to self-isolate or if local lockdown arrangements are in place, then school will prepare a weekly food parcel for those pupils who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. This will be if they:

- Are self-isolating
- Have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves
- Are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Are not attending as a result of local lockdown arrangements

Where parents are unable to collect the parcel, please inform school that a friend or family member will collect it on their behalf. There is currently no supermarket voucher option available.

### **Face coverings**

Thank you to all of those parents who have been wearing face coverings when dropping off at Morning Club and collecting from After School Club as previously requested. We are now



recommending that all adults dropping off and collecting children wear a face covering. Our biggest risk of the spread of infection in school is through adult to adult contact, so this will help to lower the risk where social distancing is not always being followed. It is preferable that only one adult drops off and collects each day to reduce the number of adults in the school community at any one time.

If your child or someone in your household receives a positive test result for Covid-19 please telephone school. **If this is not between the hours of 8.00am – 5.30pm on Monday – Friday, please email: [admin2@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin2@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk) with a contact number and we will respond as soon as we can.** This email address will also be checked at 7am and 8pm in the week, this is necessary because we may need to close bubbles at very short notice out of the usual school hours. The email will be checked at 9.30am and 6pm at the weekend, please can we therefore request that parents check their emails regularly as this will be our first point of contact with you.

Please continue to use [admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk) for all other correspondence.

Many thanks for your continued support,

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