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Dear Parent / Carer,

## COVID-19

I thought it would be helpful to provide you with some questions and answers on the new COVID-19 guidelines.

### What are the main changes for schools since last term?

- Children who are under 18 and adults who are double vaccinated do not need to isolate if they are close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case. This means that it is no longer necessary for groups or whole classes to isolate when there is a positive case.
- There are no 'bubbles' – children from different year groups are able to mix.
- There is no need for parents and carers to wear face masks when outside picking up and collecting children, although you may choose to do so.
- The responsibility for identifying close contacts has passed from the school to NHS Test and Trace.

### What measures are being taken by the school to reduce the risk of infection?

- Good hand hygiene – all children are reminded throughout the day to wash their hands and use hand sanitiser.
- Testing - all staff are tested twice each week.
- Good ventilation – windows and doors are being kept open whenever possible.

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## My child has symptoms of coronavirus – what should I do?

If your child has coronavirus symptoms, please do **not** bring them or any siblings into school. Please contact the school to let us know and arrange for a PCR test at Barking Library or Barking Learning Centre.

The symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature (this means the child feels hot to touch on their chest or back)
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to the sense of smell or taste

## Are there likely to be any changes to this advice?

We may need to change what we have put into place, especially if there is an increase in infections at school or in the local community. Eastbury follows all advice provided by the Department for Education and the Borough's Director of Public Health. However these guidelines can change quickly without any warning. We are always happy to answer any questions you may have.

Very best wishes

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