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Dear Parents and Carers,

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COVID-19 Protocol

At STMP, we continue to work very hard to keep our school safe. We want our children in school learning but ask that you work with us to do this.

If your child has any Covid-19 symptom (very high temperature, continuous new cough, loss of smell/taste), they must not come to school until they have taken a PCR test and you have emailed the negative result to the school.

Public Health advise that any child who has a positive Lateral Flow test (the test that returns a result in 30 minutes) must have the result confirmed by a PCR test. **We can only act on a PCR result. This is because lateral flow testing can return a false-positive.**

A delay in telling us about a positive PCR result puts the school at risk so please, act quickly and tell us and email the result straight away. We have to see the result not just be told.

Under government guidelines, only the child/adult who has a positive test result has to self-isolate for 10 days, which means we can keep the other children in school learning.

The advice above is even more important as we move into winter – cold and flu symptoms are the same as Covid-19 so you need to test to work out which virus your child has.

Please trust us, as you have done throughout, to take the appropriate action in partnership with Public Health. Nothing is more important to us than your child's safety.

Yours sincerely

Ms Jules Belton
Headteacher

