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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are closing for the May half term on Friday 28th May. Please see below for details of what to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus over the half term break. Please be aware that the Indian variant is spreading in Wigan and we all need to remain vigilant.

If a positive test result is received the confirmed case and everyone else in the household must self-isolate for 10 days after the symptoms started or from the date of the test if asymptomatic.

If your child or any member of your household develop **any one of the symptoms of Coronavirus** it is vital that you self-isolate and book a test. Please remember you must all isolate until the person concerned has received a negative test.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus on **Saturday 29th May** or **Sunday 30th May** you must inform school immediately when the symptoms develop and then again with the test result on headteacher@admin.douglasvalley.wigan.sch.uk

as your child may have had close contact with children and staff during the infectious period (48 hours prior to symptoms developing) and we may have to ask close contacts to self-isolate for 10 days.

If your child develops symptoms from **Monday 31st May** you do not need to contact school, as they will not have been in school during the infectious period, unless your child or a member of your household tests positive for coronavirus and the isolation period extends into the start of the new half term from **Monday 7th June**.

In the event of a confirmed case and your child is identified as a close contact, I will contact you by email to inform you of the need for your child to self-isolate for 10 days.

Have a happy and safe half term break.

Best wishes

Catherine Ardern
Headteacher