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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have decided to reinstate our regular 'frequently asked questions' letters this term. Many of you have been asking questions of us over the phone, face to face, and via email. As there are some clear themes emerging, we feel the most efficient way for the school to answer these questions is via these 'FAQ' letters.

So, feel free to email questions in, as this will help us to decide the content of the 'FAQ' letters, however, we are unlikely to respond to each individual email at this time.

When should I keep my child off school?

You must keep your child off school if they exhibit any of the three Covid 19 symptoms:

- High fever
- Persistent cough
- Changes to sense of taste and/or smell

In the case of Covid symptoms, you should have your child tested ASAP. Your entire family should start to self-isolate until you get your test results. If the test is negative, your child (and any siblings), may return to school, if they are feeling well enough. If the test is positive, your child (and any siblings), should continue to self-isolate.

We are also asking that you keep your child off school if they are unwell with any other symptoms of illness. This is the advice we have received from Public Health Haringey. The intention is to avoid the spread of any illnesses during this Covid period. It will be up to you to make the decision about whether your child is unwell or not. Our staff are not in a position to diagnose, or make this decision for you.

If you feel your child's symptoms may put other children, and staff, at risk of catching the illness, we ask you keep them off school until they are well enough to return.

We appreciate this approach will leave many of you with some tricky decisions to make on any given day. You can, of course, seek guidance from NHS 111 and/or your GP surgery for support.

Will you provide work for my child if they are off sick, or self-isolating?

We will not be providing work for individual children, or families, who need to self-isolate. However, you can access some useful learning resources at the following

website:

https://www.thenational.academy

What will happen if you have to close my child's bubble?

If this happens, we will be providing learning online via Google Classrooms, just as we did during the lockdown period earlier this year. We will send you a more detailed letter about this soon.

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While we will all do everything we can to avoid the spread of Covid 19, we are working on the assumption that we will be asked to close a bubble/s at some stage. This has

happened already at some local Haringey schools.

Can I put my child on the waiting list for breakfast club?

You are more than welcome to put your child down on our waiting lists for the Junior School, and Infant School, breakfast clubs. Please do so by emailing admin@shsharingey.co.uk

Yours Sincerely,

Ian Scotchbrook

Headteacher