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Dear Parents,

The start of the school day is running very smoothly due to gates being opened from 8.30am to 8.55am. Thank you parents for dropping children off and going straight away rather than waiting. There are still some parents (only a few) that are stopping in the middle of the road to let children out of their cars. This is unacceptable as it is putting everyone in danger.

Pick up at the end of the day

At the end of the day please leave the playground as quickly as possible. May we remind you that only **one** adult per family should enter the school grounds at collection time.

Children attending after school clubs will be picked up from the main playground, please use the main gates to collect.

Temperatures: we continue to take children's temperatures twice a day.

We understand there are coughs and colds going around. We have been given guidance to follow:

Should sickness and diarrhoea be added to the main symptoms of COVID-19 as this has been mentioned in the news for children. If so should they get tested?	No, these are not symptoms which would on their own meet the criteria for someone to be tested. These remain: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a high temperature• a new, continuous cough• a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
If parents keep child at home because they have symptoms, should the sibling with no symptoms be kept off too?	Yes. The whole household should isolate while a test is being sought. This includes siblings from this/other schools/settings.
Is there any advice for children who are presenting with colds but also have a cough or temperature? Should these children stay at home?	Any child with a high temperature (38°+ or feeling HOT to touch), new continuous cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste, regardless of additional symptoms pointing to another cause (including a cold), should be self-isolated and tested. These individuals should isolate until a test is sought.

<p>Can we have a comprehensive list of illnesses temperature, etc. what can be in school and what needs to be sent home?</p>	<p>All those who have COVID symptoms must self-isolate and seek a test.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high temperature – feeling hot to touch on chest or back (you do not need to measure 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 they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual) • a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal <p>Their households must also self-isolate until they have received the test result. If positive they must remain at home for 14 days (10 for infected individual).</p>
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Covid Testing

If you have been asked to get a Covid test you cannot return to school before the 14 day isolation period **unless evidence of a negative test** has been sent to p.calladine@st-teresasrc.essex.sch. In this way, we can protect the bubbles and avoid whole bubbles being affected.

Update on risk assessment

Following explicit guidance from Essex Local Authority we have decided to reduce the size of our bubbles. This means lunchtimes, after-school clubs and Early Morning clubs will be organised in class groups rather than the larger bubbles. This does not affect start or close of day procedures and your child will not notice much difference, apart from playing in a zoned area of the playground during break and lunchtimes.

Early Morning Club

Please make sure you book in advance by calling the school office. Payment must be given in advance or on the day. From 28th September all Early Morning Club fees will be on Parentmail. No cash will be accepted.

Water Bottles

Please make sure you send your child in with a named water bottle with a sports lid every day.

Thank you for your continued support while we get used to new routines and systems.

Have a good weekend with your families.

Mrs Cashell