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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are having a good Summer and your children are all well and looking forward to returning to school next week. We are aware that Government guidance is changing and updating continuously in relation to which countries are on the travel corridor exempt list. Please refer to the guidance updated on 22nd August:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

If you have travelled to or through a country not in the travel corridor exemption list in the last 14 days, you will need to self-isolate for 14 days and therefore your children will be unable to return to school until you have completed the full period of isolation. Please complete the slip below. Please be aware that although children may not display symptoms, they can be carriers and can be a risk to vulnerable children and adults.

When school reopens on 1st September, we will adopt a variety of protective measures to create and maintain a safe environment, protecting children, parents and staff from coronavirus infection. Such protective measures will include:

- staggering start and finish times across the school;
- placing children in their class and year group bubbles;
- keeping groups of children and the adults they are with consistent;
- limiting the amount of contact children and staff have with others within the school;
- increased hygiene measures, including frequent handwashing and cleaning of resources and toys;
- creating as much space in classrooms as possible, allowing children to avoid close contact with each other;
- staggering break and lunchtimes for pupils and staff;
- planning for a variety of outdoor learning opportunities;
- asking that children do not bring personal possessions to school
- asking that pupils in EYFS and KS1 bring a small pencil case and colouring book that can be left in school
- asking that pupils in KS2 bring a pencil case of resources as directed by their class teachers that will remain in school to be used in class
- pupils will wear the usual school uniform but those in KS1 and 2 do not need to wear a tie for the time being. All boys will be expected to wear a kippah but tzitzit should only be worn by boys in KS2 initially.
- PE kit should be clearly named and left in school and taken home for washing each half term.
- asking that only one adult drops-off and collects children to limit the number of adults around the school site.

A key element of keeping the school environment safe for everyone, is to prevent exposure to coronavirus by isolating any child or adult who displays symptoms. Parents can help with this by making sure that children do not attend school if they, or somebody living in their house, displays symptoms of coronavirus.

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Once, we begin our September reopening, children who display symptoms of coronavirus will be eligible for a government coronavirus test, as will other members of their household.

- By testing children with symptoms, parents and school will be able to act quickly in the event of a positive result for coronavirus. Confirmed cases will be able to self-isolate and prevent infection to classmates, teachers and other school and setting staff. If a child, who has been attending school, tests positive for coronavirus, the rest of the group or class they have been working with, including any staff, will be sent home to self-isolate for 14 days. It also means that children with a negative result, who do not have coronavirus, can return to school with little disruption.
- Evidence would suggest that although children are able to catch coronavirus and develop COVID-19 (the disease the virus causes), their symptoms are often less severe than that of adults.

The symptoms most commonly associated with coronavirus and COVID-19 are:

- a new persistent or continuous cough;
- a high temperature (above 39°C);
- tiredness;
- difficulty breathing
- loss of smell and/or taste.

If your child displays any of these symptoms, you should keep them at home and contact the school office to let us know as soon as possible.

To arrange a throat and nose swab test you should visit the government website below for guidance on eligibility: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

Please use this link to book a test: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test>

The test should be carried out within three days of symptoms developing to be most effective.

If a child displays symptoms while at school, they will be isolated away from other pupils and parents or carers will be contacted and asked to collect them immediately. Parents should then book a test for the child as soon as possible and within three days.

We are looking forward to the return of all our pupils and want you to know that they are our priority. Although things might change at any time, we will endeavour to do our best for the happiness and well-being of all the children.

Thank you for supporting us to protect all pupils, parents and staff at our school.

Yours faithfully,

S Rosenberg
 Headteacher

Name of child: _____ Class: _____

We have/ have not travelled back from a country that is not on the travel corridor exempt list in the last 14 days. (please highlight and return via email.)

Signed: _____

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