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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school after the Easter break. Whether your family celebrates the festival of Easter or not, I hope you enjoyed the time together.

I just wanted to take the time to let you know how we continue to keep everyone safe at school as the Government announces its next steps in 'Living with COVID'. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-safely-with-respiratory-infections-including-covid-19>

Leeds City Council's advice to all schools

The advice from Leeds City Council to staff and parents/carers of children who go to school is:

If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, and you have a high temperature or you do not feel well enough to go to school you are advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until you no longer have a high temperature (if you had one) or until you no longer feel unwell.

Symptoms of COVID-19, flu and common respiratory infections include:

continuous cough	high temperature, fever or chills	loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell	shortness of breath
unexplained tiredness, lack of energy	muscle aches or pains that are not due to exercise	not wanting to eat or not feeling hungry	headache that is unusual or longer lasting than usual
sore throat, stuffy or runny nose	diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick.		

For most people, these illnesses will not be serious, and they will soon recover following rest and plenty of fluids. Attending education is hugely important for children and young people's health and their future. Children and staff with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Anyone with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

This sounds like how we used to think of winter flu:

That is right. If you think back to a time when you had never heard of COVID-19, people used to make **a judgement call** when either they or their child had a high temperature, runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough about whether they were well enough to go to school (either to work as a staff member or to learn as a child).

You will know how you are feeling compared to a 'normal day' or how your child is responding to their symptoms and what the best course of action is.

If you phone the school to let us know that you will not be attending based on COVID or respiratory infection symptoms, we will no longer be asking you to get a PCR or Lateral Flow Test to confirm an infection and we will no longer be telling you a specific number of days that you must remain away from school. You should make **a judgement call** when you or your child feels well enough to come back to school.

What else will be changing?:

From Thursday, 21st April we will no longer be publishing our COVID risk assessment online as the Health and Safety Executive have removed the need for schools to have one.

We will also no longer be reporting positive cases to Leeds City Council or Public Health England.

Staff working in school will no longer be asked to take a Lateral Flow Test twice a week.

Any Questions

If you have any questions about this guidance you can call school on 0113 2713804 or via email martin.lumb@hunsletcarr.co.uk where we will respond as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,
Martin Lumb
Headteacher.