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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back. I do hope you were all able to enjoy the glorious weather we had during our half term holiday – the children all looked pleased to be back yesterday, it was lovely seeing them so keen to be here.

After the disappointing but hardly surprising government announcement yesterday, I thought I would write to you with the most up-to-date information regarding symptoms of the new Delta variant.

The classic Covid symptoms people should look out for, the NHS continue to say, are:

- cough
- fever
- loss of smell or taste

However, headache, sore throat and runny nose are now commonly reported symptoms linked to Covid infection in the UK, researchers say. Their findings show that catching the Delta variant can feel "more like a bad cold" for younger people. But although they may not feel very ill, they could be contagious and put others at risk.

Anyone who thinks they may have Covid should take a PCR test.

Clearly there is a sharp rise in the rate of infection across the country but it is particularly noticeable here in the North West. Only yesterday, an entire year group at Sale High School was sent home on the advice of Public Health Trafford.

I want to do everything I can to prevent further bubble closures and you are my best defence against the virus. If in doubt, seek medical advice rather than sending your child in if they or anyone in the house is symptomatic. **Please don't bring them to school if a contact is waiting on a test or the result of a test – the whole family needs to self-isolate until a negative test result is received.** Please also continue to wear masks when around school.

A reminder of the message from Public Health:

Please remember that Covid has not gone away and the advice is to continue to socially distance yourselves as much as possible. Limit social contact and remember to spend time with others outdoors when you can. Remember to keep hands clean and to avoid touching your face and mouth with unclean hands. **Even if you have been vaccinated, you can still contract Covid and therefore spread it to others.** If you or your child become symptomatic at any time, book a PCR test and receive peace of mind. By taking these small and incredibly important steps, we will have a much better chance of keeping school and wider society open, irrespective of new variants.

Yours

Mr. C. Searle