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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would just like to say a big 'THANK YOU' for your continued support and patience with our return to procedures, as we all endeavour to minimise the risk of and transmission of coronavirus in our setting.

Due the young age of our children, we often have a number of parents on site bringing their child to nursery. We would really appreciate parents wearing a face covering if they need to enter the main building to talk to the office staff. Please continue to remain socially distanced, particularly outside classroom entrances and near any congested areas around the car park, cones are in place to aid with this.

As is the case in most settings, we have had a small number of children, or members of their households, who have displayed one or more of the symptoms of Covid-19 and have sought a test. For reasons of confidentiality, centres cannot inform other parents/carers when children are symptomatic, taking a test, or isolating because a member of their household is. This is following government guidance. We will however, inform parents/carers if a case is confirmed, whether or not it will affect their child's class bubble, and what action they and their family need to take.

We are now in the season of colds and will only request that you keep your child at home if they are unwell. The symptoms of the virus that we have been advised to look for are specifically a high temperature, continuous cough and loss of taste and smell. Children that have any of these symptoms must not come to Twixus and must follow the guidance as below.

As part of government guidelines regarding children returning to an EYFS setting, parents/carers must be ready and willing to:

- [book a test](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested) if they or their child are displaying symptoms. Staff and pupils must not come into the setting if they have symptoms and will be sent home to self-isolate if they develop symptoms in setting. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit. <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- provide details of anyone they or their child have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace.
- [self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or if anyone in their household develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus](#) website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet.

If your child displays symptoms of coronavirus, please inform us as soon as possible and **DO NOT** send your child or their siblings to the setting.

We ask that parents immediately inform the main office of the results of any coronavirus tests. Please do not discuss results with your child's room staff. If your child is tested and if your child's results come back out of our open hours please email this information to twixus1@gmail.com

Please see the latest government guidance website link (10.09.20) and the extract below to follow after a test result comes back.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

1. If someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.
2. If someone tests positive, they should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to the setting only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

Again, thank you for your continued support. Take care and stay safe.

Warm regards



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