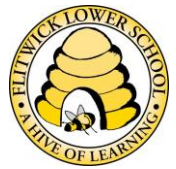


# FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have been sent the following information to help to try and alleviate concerns regarding children having a common cold compared to COVID symptoms.

This is a learning curve for all of us and we are ensuring that we are following current government guidelines regarding children who are symptomatic. I know it is a difficult time and we are asking that as we settle back into school and children are mixing within their bubbles, that if they are unwell you keep them at home to prevent the spread of different infections.

Link to information <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/covid-19-talking-children-families-about-returning-school-guiding-principles?s=09#common-cold-and-covid-19-symptoms>

The following is taken straight from the link above.....

**“From this available evidence we believe that children with simple cold symptoms such as coryzal symptoms (runny noses) or sore throats without fever who would normally have attended schools in other times should not be tested for COVID-19.**

**This is in agreement with current PHE guidance for deciding when to test. These symptoms are:**

- new continuous cough
- fever/high temperature
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste.

**Following this guidance allows the identification of children most likely to be infected and help detect any emerging outbreak.**

**In addition to testing, it is also important that parents keep children at home when they are unwell and children are actively encouraged to follow good hygiene measures.**

I hope this guidance helps to clarify some of the key points we have all been wondering about.

Kind regards

Mrs New

