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Dear Parents,

We find ourselves at the end of week three of lockdown and remote learning, well done everyone! What you have all accomplished over the last three weeks is beyond outstanding. Many of you have been simultaneously working, home schooling your children and looking after elderly relatives. It is amazing how humans adapt to deal with times of difficulty and hardship with resilience and good humour.

I hope you will agree that during these increasingly difficult times, the staff at St Margaret's are delivering a fantastic curriculum. The live register has been really rewarding for us in school as it is lovely to see all and greet the St Margaret's children on screen. If you have been unable to make the registration or any live lessons so far, could I ask that you try your best to give your child the opportunity to log on and say "hello."

We receive updates from Public Health on a daily basis with information about the new strand of Covid. As you are aware, individuals who have any of the three main Covid -19 symptoms (high temperature, new, continuous cough or loss or change of taste or sense of smell) must self-isolate immediately and book a Covid-19 test.

Public Health has also identified a number of other, wider symptoms, which may be linked to Covid -19 infection, although these symptoms are also common in a number of other illnesses. Other symptoms may include:

- Loss of appetite
- Extreme tiredness
- Headache
- Joint pain/muscle ache
- Nausea/sickness/diarrhoea
- Sore throat

- Runny nose/congestion
- Sneezing

Public health is recommending that all children and staff in education settings get a Covid-19 test as a precaution if they display any of these wider symptoms. Limiting attendance at schools helps to support the reduction in the overall number of social contacts in our communities, which is a vital intervention in the context of the current very high transmission rates. We have provided places for parents to send their children into school **if there is no other alternative**, but I am sure you understand the safety reasons behind trying to limit numbers. School continues to do the best it possibly can but please can I ask that you treat staff in a civil way and with respect when speaking on the phone as raised voices and putting the phone down are disappointing and unnecessary actions.

We have been very sad to hear over the course of the last few days that members of our school community have lost loved ones. Can I please offer my sincere condolences to you and your family and if there is anything school can do to help during this difficult time, please do get in touch.

Stay safe

Mrs S Shepherd

Head teacher