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“Our School Vision is to create an irresistible Church School; a beacon for learning experiences which lead to great life achievements.”

As we move into the colder seasons, we are all well aware that illnesses that are non-COVID related will become more prevalent! At Thurlbear, we are very proud of the professional relationship we have with our families and we welcome you contacting us to discuss **any** illness that your child is currently experiencing, especially in our current national circumstances. Already, a number of you have contacted us to talk about winter cold symptoms. The latest guidance we have is this from the NHS website:

“Coronavirus in children

Children can get coronavirus (COVID-19), but they seem to get it less often than adults and it's usually less serious.

Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has **any** of the main symptoms of coronavirus:



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1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.”

Some of our families have found **ringing 111** very useful, as it has given them simple questions-sets to follow with their children. We would strongly encourage any family to use that number if you have any worries or concerns when thinking: “Is it just a cold?” In these very testing times, we are all walking the line between keeping everyone as safe as possible but, at the same time, maintaining a full offer of education to your child. **If you are in any doubt, ring the 111 number** and then ring us to discuss your situation. For safeguarding reasons, we will continue to contact you should your family be off.

“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Mr S Gillan – Headteacher



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