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IMPORTANT COVID19 SYMPTOM UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wirral Council has just published a message on their website with details of a COVID19 variant that has been identified in the Liverpool City Region, of which Wirral is a part. I have included the information that has been published so you can keep up to date. The main thing to note is that there is a wider set of symptoms present with this new variant, which include:

- Diarrhoea
- A persistent headache
- Fever and chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting

Residents are being advised that if anyone shows **any of these symptoms** we should **book a test** at a symptom testing site – links are on the attached information.

I know this will be worrying for our families as many are also typical childhood illnesses, but please do make sure you take precaution and get tested should you or your child experience them or the original symptoms; new and continuous cough, temperature, loss of taste and loss of smell. We really want to get children back into school and know we can only achieve this if the infection rate on Wirral continues to reduce. I know how frustrating and disruptive school closures are for everyone, so please, please, do all you can to get symptoms tested, isolate and protect our community.

Our families have been so supportive and understanding in such difficult times and our team is so grateful for this.

Thank you for all you are doing, take care,

Mrs Donelan

