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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all keeping well.

You may have seen in the news over the weekend that, particularly in Manchester, we are now looking at the **new symptoms** of the variant of concern.

## **Wider set of symptoms:**

**Diarrhoea**

**Headache**

**Fever and/or chills**

**Shortness of breath**

**Fatigue**

**Muscle or body aches**

**Sore Throat**

**Congestion/Runny Nose**

**Nausea/Vomiting**

Public Health are suggesting that although your child or family member does **not need to self-isolate** if they have these symptoms then it would still be pertinent to **book a PCR test** just to make sure it is not the new variant.

I know that this list does sound like every childhood illness we get reported in school but they are asking for our support in order to stop the spreading and mutating of this variant further. This spreading will affect the efficacy of the vaccine long term so we must all do what we can to protect ourselves and our community.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

***We will also begin to take in reading books this week in order to do a stock check before the Summer.*** Please be assured of the availability of books on Myon to keep the children reading not only now but over the Summer too.

With prayers

Sarah Yates

Head Teacher