

## THE VICTORY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we enter the third week back at school, we wanted to praise the children who have been back at school, have attended every day and have worked hard to start catching up on all of the learning that they have missed. The children are wonderful and we are very proud of them.

Unfortunately our attendance at school has not been as high as we would like or expect this week and this seems to be mainly due to parents, quite understandably, being cautious with their children when they have developed cold symptoms. We know it can be very difficult to decide whether children should come to school when they are not 100% and the symptoms of many illnesses, including the common cold, can be hard to distinguish from those of Covid-19. However, as time goes on, we hope that we will all become more confident at being able to tell the symptoms apart.

To support with this, the local authority has just released a handy guide for parents to provide advice on what they should do according to the different symptoms their child is displaying. This handy guide has been emailed out to all parents today and is also available on our website. ([www.thevictoryprimary.co.uk](http://www.thevictoryprimary.co.uk)) Click on the link that says: Absence guide from LEA and use it to help you decide whether to send your child in to school.

You can also visit the government website at <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> to check your child's symptoms. We hope that this guidance helps you to feel confident to send your children to school as much as possible, it really is the best place for them.

We hope you all had a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing more children back to school to catch up on lost time.

*Yours sincerely*

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Mr J Hartley  
Executive Headteacher

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Mrs K Jones  
Headteacher