



Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to heightened concerns around Covid-19 and the second lockdown from Thursday, we would like to remind you about the government guidance.

#### When to get a test

If your child, or anybody in your household, displays any of the main symptoms listed below, it is imperative for the health of everyone in our school communities that you self-isolate and book a test immediately. All household members must stay at home until you get your results. If anybody in your household is tested positive, all members must stay at home for 14 days. Please inform school immediately of the test results.

#### Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

**Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms. If your child displays any of these symptoms you must keep them at home and seek medical advice.**

#### When to self-isolate

Your child should also not be sent to school for 14 days if they have had close contact with a person who has been tested positive. Close contact means:

- close face to face contact (under 1 metre) for any length of time - including talking to them or coughing on them
- being within 1 to 2 metres of each other for more than 15 minutes - including travelling in a small vehicle

**They do not need to self-isolate unless they are contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service or if they develop any coronavirus symptoms.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school for further advice.



The school will in line with Government guidance authorise an absence:

- For pupils who are required to self-isolate as they, or a member of their household, has symptoms or confirmed positive for Covid-19
- For pupils who are required to self-isolate because they are a close contact of someone who has symptoms or confirmed positive for Covid-19
- Pupils who are required by legislation to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine
- Pupils who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV). A GP must confirm this, preferably in writing, under new Government guidelines.

**Pupils who are absent for any other reason such as their parent/carer chooses to keep them at home because they are concerned or worried due to Covid-19, will in accordance with Government guidance be recorded as unauthorised.**

Yours sincerely

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