

Further Information on Coronavirus and School Procedures

As a school we have been asked to do the following:

Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the school, in line with current public health guidance - this means your child may be asked to self-isolate for 14 days by us (based on advice from their local health protection teams) if they have been in close, face to face contact with someone who has tested positive for the virus.

Ensure that everyone cleans their hands more often than usual, including when they arrive, when they return from breaks, and before and after eating - this should be done for 20 seconds with soap and running water or hand sanitiser.

Promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach, to ensure good respiratory hygiene.

Enhance cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces more often.

Our Nursery staff will also minimise contact between individuals where they can.

We will minimise contact and encourage maintaining distance as far as possible. We will decide how best to do this because it will be different for each. This will involve asking children and young people to:

Stay within specified separate groups (or bubbles). Each year group is a separate bubble. Reception and Nursery are one bubble.

Maintain distance between individuals.

We know that younger children may not be able to maintain social distancing. It is likely that for younger children the emphasis will be on separating groups, and for older children, it will be on distancing.



If a pupil presents with any of the 3 recognised symptoms whilst they are in school;

- **We will contact the parent immediately and ask them to collect their child from school.**
- **Your child (and siblings) will be taken to the meeting room at the main entrance, where they will wait to be collected. It is your decision whether to take your child for a test. However, your child will need to self-isolate and not return to school for at least 10 days. This could be longer if a high temperature remains.**
- **If your child tests positive, the bubble (staff and parents) will be informed that there is a positive / confirmed case. No names will be shared by the school.**
- **If there is a confirmed case within school, the local Health Protection Team will be contacted immediately and they will provide the school with information and actions to be taken. The Health Protection Team will continue to monitor the situation.**

Actions you can take

Do not send your child to school if:

- They are showing coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.
- Someone in their household is showing symptoms.
- Arrange a test if you or your child develops symptoms. Inform the school of the results.
- If the test is positive, follow guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
- It is really important that you help us to implement these actions by following the advice set out here and wider public health advice and guidance.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19:

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 however mild, self-isolate for at least 10 days from when your symptoms started. You should arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19 – go to testing to arrange. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

If you are not experiencing symptoms but have tested positive for COVID-19, self-isolate for at least 10 days, starting from the day the test was taken. If you develop symptoms during this isolation period, restart your 10-day isolation from the day you developed symptoms.

After 10 days, if you still have a temperature you should continue to self-isolate and seek medical advice. You do not need to self-isolate after 10 days if you only have a cough or loss of sense of smell or taste, as these symptoms can last for several weeks after the infection has gone. See the ending isolation section below for more information.

If you live with others, all other household members need to stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the household became ill or if they do not have symptoms, from the day their test was taken. If anyone else in the household starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms appear, regardless of what day they are on in their original 14-day isolation period. The ending isolation section below has more information.

If you have symptoms, try and stay as far away from other members of your household as possible. It is especially important to stay away from anyone who is clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable with whom you share a household.

Reduce the spread of infection in your home by washing your hands regularly for 20 seconds using soap and water, or use hand sanitiser, and cover coughs and sneezes.

Consider alerting people who you do not live with and have had close contact within the last 48 hours to let them know you have symptoms of COVID-19.

Following a positive test result, you will receive a request by text, email or phone to log into the NHS Test and Trace service website and provide information about recent close contacts.

If you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home, or your condition gets worse, then use the NHS 111 online COVID-19 service. If you do not have internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.