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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Attendance Guidance**

Over the last two and a half weeks, it has been wonderful to see students return to school to resume their education and to reunite them with their friends and members of staff.

Over the coming months it may be likely that students will suffer from a seasonal cold, therefore, I wanted to provide you with some reference guides so you can make an informed decision about whether to send your child to school, or if you need to self-isolate and arrange a covid test.

To support parents/carers with following current Public Health guidance, I have attached the 'NHS Advice for Schools' document which explains the differences between the symptoms of a common cold and the main symptoms of coronavirus. This should hopefully provide clarity on when you can send your child to school and when you would need to self-isolate and arrange a coronavirus test.

I have also attached the Trust's 'Attendance quick reference guide for parents/carers during Covid-19' which has a variety of scenarios on what to do if you, or someone in your household, displays coronavirus symptoms. As always, our Attendance Team are available to deal with specific queries regarding individual circumstances.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

**Mr A Dean**  
**Assistant Headteacher**

# ⚠ Important ⚠

*Advice for schools*

## CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS IN CHILDREN

A CHILD WHO DEVELOPS ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A POTENTIAL CORONAVIRUS CASE:



### NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

*This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if the child usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual)*



### FEVER (TEMPERATURE OF 37.8°C OR HIGHER)

*The child will also feel hot to touch on their chest or back*



### A LOSS OR CHANGE TO SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

*this means the child has noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.*

**MOST CHILDREN WITH CORONAVIRUS HAVE AT LEAST ONE OF THESE SYMPTOMS.**



If a child is unwell with one or more of these specific symptoms they should be told not to come into school or sent home as soon as possible and advised to get a coronavirus test. **ONLY** those children with one or more of these symptoms or those advised by their clinician or Local Authority should get a test.



Children reporting other symptoms such as a headache, sore throat, runny or sniffling nose, earache, itchy eyes, lethargy or tiredness **WITHOUT** a fever should **NOT** be treated as potential coronavirus cases or advised to take a test.

If the national guidance on symptoms of coronavirus in children changes, updated information will be provided at a local level as soon as possible. This information about coronavirus symptoms in children can be shared with all school teaching and administration staff as well as parents and carers where necessary.

**For further guidance on coronavirus testing for schools, please read the letter from PHE and NHS Test and Trace to school and college leaders at: [bit.ly/phe-schools](https://bit.ly/phe-schools)**

## Attendance quick reference guide for parents/carers during Covid-19

What to do if...	Action	Return to school when...
My child has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact school daily</li> <li>Self Isolate</li> <li>Get a test</li> <li>Contact school as soon as you get the test result back</li> </ul>	The test comes back negative OR 10 days after the onset of the illness.
My child tests positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Self Isolate for at least 10 days after onset of illness.</li> <li>Inform school immediately regarding result of test</li> </ul>	They can return (after 10 days) even if they still have a cough or loss of smell/taste as these symptoms can last for several weeks after the infection has gone.
Someone in my house has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Self Isolate</li> <li>Contact school daily.</li> <li>Household member to get a test</li> <li>Inform school immediately of the test result</li> </ul>	The household member test result is negative.
Someone in my household has tested positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Self Isolate for 14 days from when the member of their household first had symptoms.</li> </ul>	The child has completed 14 days of self isolation.
NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or a confirmed case of coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Self Isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	The child has completed 14 days of self isolation.
My child has travelled and has to self isolate as part of the quarantine period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Self Isolate for 14 days</li> <li>Avoid taking holidays in term time,</li> <li>Consider quarantine requirements when booking future holidays.</li> </ul>	The 14 day quarantine period has been completed.
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Access online learning as instructed by the school.</li> <li>Shield</li> </ul>	Restrictions are lifted

Full DfE Guidance

[Addendum: recording attendance in relation to coronavirus \(COVID-19\) during the 2020 to 2021 academic year](#)