

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advice

In accordance with the government guidelines, please note the follow Coronavirus (COVID-19) advice:

Currently, your child must NOT attend school with any of the following symptoms of Coronavirus -

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- 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)
- 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 one of these symptoms. If your child has shown any signs of these symptoms, please do not send them into school. If any of these symptoms develop across a school day, we will contact parents/carers and your child will be sent home. We would ask that you request a Coronavirus test for your child.

If a pupil, student or staff member develops one or more of the main Coronavirus symptoms described above, only they should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic.

Anyone who displays symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for Coronavirus website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet.

We ask that you inform us immediately of the results of a test. Parents then need to follow the guidance below:

1. If someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to Coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.
2. If someone tests positive, they should follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

As a school, we will inform Public Health England if we have a positive test or believe that a pupil or member of staff has been in contact with someone who has tested positive. They will then inform us

what to do next. Currently this includes partial or full closure of buildings. If we are directed to do any of the above, I will of course ensure that you are informed accordingly.

We ask that if your child is ever off with Coronavirus symptoms or having to self-isolate due to test and trace, this is communicated to us as soon as possible.