

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for your sensible and calm approach to our return to school. The children continue to be amazing with very high levels of attendance. This is a good time to be absolutely clear about the current procedures if a member of your household presents with COVID-19 symptoms.

You must inform us should you suspect symptoms, in order for us to complete COVID tracking which will help us to keep a watch on any suspected or confirmed cases.

- Book a test <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>
- Call 119 to book a test or order a test kit
- How to test your child for coronavirus at home
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xaw8DsF2lgc&safe=active>

Currently protocols are as follows:

- If your child presents with loss of taste or smell, a new or continuous cough or temperature, then you must organise a test for the child and the rest of your household should self-isolate until the results of the test are known. If the result is negative, then the whole family can return to school/work. If the result is positive, then the child must self-isolate for 10 days and the rest of the household 14 days, from the date that the child became symptomatic.
- If a member of your household presents with symptoms, then your child and all other household members must self-isolate pending the results of the household member's test and then act accordingly (see above).
- If your child has a temperature, please arrange a test. If the result is negative, then your child may return to school once the temperature has returned to normal (high temperature reading is 37.8° or greater), as we would ordinarily send any child home with a temperature. All members of your household should self-isolate until the results of the test are known.
- If your child has a cough and is coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than normal), then your child must have a test and the other members of your household must self-isolate pending the results of the test and then act accordingly (see above). If other members of your household become symptomatic with this level of cough, then the rest of your household must self-isolate.
- If your child experiences a loss of taste or smell, this means your child cannot taste or smell anything, or things smell or taste different to normal, then your child must have a test and other members of your household must self-isolate pending the results of the test and then act accordingly (see above).
- If your child has a cold without a temperature, and feels fine in themselves, then they should continue to come to school.
- If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, then they must remain off school for 48 hours after the last episode
- If your child's test result is negative, but they are still unwell, please continue to keep them off school as you would normally.

If in any doubt, please call us directly for further advice. Should our protocols change due to government guidance, we will contact you again.