

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to clarify what to do if your child or someone in your household presents symptoms of Covid. This is based upon current government guidance and is part of our risk assessment. This website will help:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

What do I do if my child, or anyone in my household, presents symptoms of Covid at home?

Your child and everyone in the household **MUST** stay at home if anyone in the household presents any of the following symptoms:

- Temperature
- New continuous cough (coughing for an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)
- Loss or change to smell and taste

The symptomatic person must be tested for Covid and all of the household must stay at home until you receive a test result. If the test is negative your child / children can return to school once we are presented with evidence of a negative test result (this can be by email to the headteacher or school bursar) and they are well.

If the test is positive, you **MUST** inform the school immediately because there are certain procedures that we must follow.

If you administer Calpol or any temperature reducing medication, your child **MUST** stay at home and be tested for Covid.

What do I do if my child has other symptoms that are not listed above?

If your child is unwell, they should stay at home. If your child has non-covid symptoms and feels well, but you are unsure about whether to send them in you should **seek medical advice by calling 111 or your GP. If in any doubt at all please keep your child at home and seek medical advice.** As in normal circumstances, if your child has sickness and diarrhoea they should not return to school for 48 hours after the last episode.

What if I am routinely tested for my job and I am waiting for a result?

If neither you nor a member of your household has symptoms, your children can attend as normal.

What will happen if my child develops Covid-19 symptoms while at school?

We have a duty of care to the safety of everyone so any child presenting symptoms, and their sibling(s), will be withdrawn from the classroom and isolated from others. This will be done as gently and discretely as possible and in a way that allays worry. Parents / carers will be telephoned to collect the child(ren) as soon as possible. Parents will be asked to book a Covid test. You can do this here:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

I ask you to please respect the judgement of school as we are strictly following guidance in order to keep the school as safe as possible for everyone and to reduce the likelihood of a future school lockdown.

What work will be sent for my child while they are off school?

Teachers have been busy contingency planning for different eventualities. I will be contacting you soon with more information.

Thank you again for following our procedures. It is a privilege to work with you.



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