



9th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID 19 – Update

As we come towards the end of term, it is absolutely essential that everyone continues to be vigilant and follows the rules regarding Covid 19, self-isolation and Tier 3 Lockdown.




The school is trying to get to the end of term without anymore positive cases. We ask that all parents and carers read the guidelines and ensure that they do not send their child or children to school if their child or someone test positive in the household, or their child or someone in the household is showing symptoms and is awaiting a test.


Further information translated into different languages can be found at the following website:

<https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/coronavirus-information/>

We have attached the guidance in some of the main languages spoken in the school. See attached.

But please remember the following

 COVID-19 (Coronavirus) A quick guide for parents/carers		
<i>What to do if...</i>	<i>Action needed</i>	<i>Back to school...</i>
<p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child shouldn't attend school• Child should get a test• Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test results• Inform school immediately about test results	<p>...if a child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours. The child should not be tested again unless they develop new symptoms*</p> <p>If the test result is positive, then see below.</p>
<p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child should not attend school• Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms)• Inform school immediately about test results• Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) – even if someone tests negative during those 14 days• Other household members should not get tested unless they develop symptoms because even if they tested negative, they must still isolate for 14 days	<p>...after 10 days has passed so long as the child is feeling better and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours.</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>

<p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...if the household member test is negative, and the child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
<p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) – even if someone tests negative during those 14 days • No need for the child to get tested unless they develop symptoms 	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they tested negative during the 14 days</p>
<p>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they tested negative during those 14 days • Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too 	<p>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they tested negative during those 14 days</p>
<p>...we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not take unauthorised leave in term time • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advise when booking travel • Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
<p>...we have received advice from a medical/official source that my child must resume shielding</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Contact school as advised by attendance officer/pastoral team • Child should shield until you are informed that their restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again 	<p>...when school/other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p>
<p>...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only people with symptoms* need to get a test • People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tested positive 	<p>...when conditions above as matching your situation, are met</p>

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TIER 3

VERY HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY  No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS  Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.	RETAIL  Open.	WORK AND BUSINESS  Everyone who can work from home should do so.
EDUCATION  Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.	INDOOR LEISURE  Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.	ACCOMMODATION  Closed (with limited exceptions)	PERSONAL CARE  Open.
OVERNIGHT STAYS  We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS  15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.	ENTERTAINMENT  Indoor venues closed.	PLACES OF WORSHIP  Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.
TRAVELLING  Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.	EXERCISE  Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.	RESIDENTIAL CARE  COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).	LARGE EVENTS  Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.

Finally, we are aware of the challenges of the last two weeks of term and the need to be more considerate than ever about not breaking social distancing rules and self-isolating rules. We have to keep in mind that any positive cases will require formal tracing and the school may be in the position to tell children and staff that they are required to isolate for 14 days over the Christmas period.

If we keep away from school if we have symptoms, keep sanitising, keep our faces covered and keep our distance, the chances of this happening reduce dramatically. Again, thank you for your support in helping us keep school as safe and as normal as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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