

Dear Parents,

As you are aware the numbers of cases of Coronavirus are increasing nationally and internationally, with many areas moving into higher tiers of control to reduce transmission. We are learning more about the virus and we are working hard to prevent spread whilst keeping children in school.

Coronavirus has three main symptoms; these are; a cough, loss or change in sense of smell or taste or a high temperature. When anyone displays these symptoms it is most likely a Coronavirus infection, we therefore ask you to isolate with your household, book a test, and if positive self-isolate for 10 days if you were the one who tested positive and 14 days if you are a household contact.

Before the Coronavirus pandemic we asked parents to keep their children home when they were unwell. Children will often develop colds in the winter months due to circulating illnesses and therefore other symptoms are more likely to indicate a cold. However, we have found that many children didn't display the main three signs of Coronavirus; their symptoms were a sore throat, or feeling really unwell, or muscle aches and pains. To prevent the transmission of Coronavirus this term, if your child is unwell, please keep them off school until they are feeling better. If they continue to be unwell and then develop a high temperature, loss or change in taste or smell or a new or worsening of a cough, then please self-isolate and get a Coronavirus test. Please see the flowchart for symptoms, figure 1.

Our schools are working tirelessly to maintain education provision in this crisis, please help your school. If your child is unwell, please keep them home until they are feeling better. To help keep your child and fellow student's safe, your child should not come to school if:

- **They are feeling unwell or are experiencing any coronavirus symptoms (If in doubt, book a test. If positive, isolate for 10 days from start of symptoms)**
- **They have tested positive for coronavirus and are within the 10 day isolation period**
- **They are sharing a household or support bubble with someone with symptoms (person with symptoms to be tested, if negative can return to usual activities; if positive, you must isolate for 14 days from last contact)**
- **They have been advised by the NHS test and trace service to self-isolate or aware they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (isolate for 14 days from last contact)**
- **They have returned from abroad and government guidance states they need to quarantine for 14 days**

If you are not sure if your child should or should not go to school, please call your school reception.

Signed Public Health

Figure 1: Coronavirus symptoms flowchart.

