

Dear Parents

We are looking forward to receiving all pupils back to school for face o face learning on Monday March 8th Our return to normal will be steady and cautious and we will be following Government and Local Public Health Warwickshire guidance in order to ensure the children's return is safe, successful and sustainable.

Covid Infections currently are extremely high in the Hurley and Wood End region of North Warwickshire. A number of families connected to Hurley Primary have contracted Covid in the last few weeks. We have therefore consulted closely with Warwickshire County Council Public health to draw up the following procedures to keep everyone safe and well. The advice which has been Kept us safe for the past year remains very much the same.

The Following procedures are essential to ensure we can keep the school open whilst keeping families, the school and the local community safe

HURLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

CORONAVIRUS PROCEDURES UPDATED MARCH 2021

PLEASE KEEP CHILDREN OFF SCHOOL IF THEY ARE UNWELL AND CHILDREN SHOULD NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL UNTIL THEY RECEIVE A NEGATIVE TEST AND ARE FEELING BETTER

It vital that we are notified as soon as possible for children's reason for absence.

THE 3 MAIN CORONAVIRUS SYMPTONS

A New or Persistent cough, OR high temperature, OR loss of smell OR taste If children have any of these symptoms, they must get Coronavirus test and the household must self- isolate for ten days or until a negative test result. (Please see the self -isolation guide below)

OTHER COVID SYMPTOMS

Public Health Warwickshire has warned that many Children present other Symptoms

The initial Covid symptoms for children have been a sore throat, or feeling really unwell, muscle aches and pains, headaches or sickness or diarrhoea. To prevent the transmission of Coronavirus if your child is unwell, please get them tested and keep them off school until they are feeling better.

GET TESTED IMMEDIATELY AND LET US KNOW THE RESULT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

- A. Book a test either on-line at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119.

Please note only the persons with Symptoms need to be tested

- B. Contact school as soon as possible to let us know if you have Symptoms
C. Contact school again to let us know the result of the test.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

If Symptoms develop please ring school 01827 872207 as soon as possible and when you receive the test result, please contact school again

PLEASE EMAIL US A COPY OF YOUR CORONAVIRUS TEST RESULT send test results to

Head2032@welear365.com and admin2032@welearn365.com

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CONTACT IF YOU RECEIVE A POSITIVE TEST RESULT

If you get a positive test result in the evening or the weekend, please contact me directly.

Either a) send a text message to 07984925787 Or b) send an email to head2032@welearn365.com

Self - Isolation

Self – Isolation of 10 days is required if you test positive or if you are a close contact to a positive case.

IF YOUR CHILD OR A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY HOUSEHOLD DISPLAYS COVID SYMPTOMS STAY OFF SCHOOL

THE PERSON WITH SYMPTOMS MUST GET A PCR COVID TEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE INFORM SCHOOL OF THE SYMPTOMS IMMEDIATELY AND EMAIL THE TEST RESULT WHEN RECEIVED

If the test result is negative your child can return to school when feeling better,

however, if the test result is positive your child and the rest of the household must self-isolate and stay off school for 10 days from when the symptoms first developed. The day the symptoms developed is counted as day zero.

Children who have been in isolation because they are feeling unwell or because they have been a close contact with a positive Covid case need to have a negative Covid test and be feeling better before they are returned to school.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

Testing is an important part of the school's measures to keep everyone safe from the Coronavirus

- 1) If children have one of the three Covid Symptoms they MUST have a PCR test immediately.**
- 2) If children are feeling unwell, they should be kept off school until they are feeling better. Public Health Warwickshire strongly advise a PCR test and children need a negative test before they return to school.**
- 3) If children have been self- isolating because of a close contact with a positive case of Covid they need to have a Lateral flow test on the 11th day after self-isolation or they can have a PCR Test.**
- 4) If a child (or an adult) has tested positive for Covid they must complete the 10-day isolation period. However, this person does not need to be re- tested for Covid for 90 days from when they were tested positive.**

Testing the children before they return to school t helps keep families, the school and the community safe and it enables us to keep the class bubbles open.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in this very important safety control measure.

A. A PCR Test is the most reliable test

If you have one of the main coronavirus symptoms or you have a positive lateral flow test you must book a PCR Test.

You can book a PCR test either on-line at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or you can call 119.

B. A Lateral Flow Test (LFT) is a useful indicator and is a quicker but less reliable test.

if you test positive on a LFT you need to book a PCR test for confirmation.

Follow the links below to find out more and to book a Lateral flow test.

[Link for information about Lateral Flow testing](#)

[Link to book a Lateral flow test](#)

PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW IN THE EVENT OF A POSITIVE COVID TEST

IF CHILDREN HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH A POSITIVE CASE OF COVID EITHER FROM THEIR HOUSEHOLD OR THEIR CLASS BUBBLE THEY MUST SELF ISOLATE FOR 10 DAYS

If a member of a family household (or class bubble) tests Covid Positive that person must self-isolate for 10 days from when they first felt unwell.

Everyone from the household or class bubble and anyone else who has been in close contact with this person must also self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptoms were first displayed.

The infectious period to be considered a close contact is 48 hrs (2 days) before and 10 days after the person testing positive began to feel unwell (see the list of symptoms below)

Asymptomatic Cases (When a person tests Covid positive but shows no Symptoms)

Often people do not show any symptoms but still test positive.

When this occurs the close contacts, household or class bubble must self-isolate for 10 days from the date the test was taken with the day the test is taken being counted as day zero.

Child who has been in close contact with a positive case of Covid must be tested on day 11 after their 10-day self-isolation period and before they return to school

Before returning to school children who have been in close contacts to a positive Covid test must take an LFT test at the end of the 10 days. This test should be taken on day 11 (isolation *must be for 10 days because children can become infectious without symptoms. Therefore, the LFT centres must not be attended until after the 10-day isolation period is completed.*) These Tests can be booked in advance and these tests take around 30min.

The 11th day tests will prevent asymptomatic children re -attending school and re- spreading the virus.

These tests are essential to help avoid class bubbles being repeatedly closed.

- **Whilst self - isolating - any close contacts who become unwell *for any reason* should take a PCR test immediately.**
 - If the test is negative the child must still complete the self-isolation period of ten days and must still take an LFT test on day 11 before returning to school
 - If the test is positive the child and all close contacts must re-start the 10-day self-isolation period from when the child first became unwell)
 - However please note the person who originally tested positive for Covid does not have to restart self-isolation. This person only needs to complete the original 10-day isolation period.

Please remember following the above procedures is essential to keep you, your families, the school and the local community safe and it will also ensure we can keep classes and the school open.

Please remember when dropping off or collecting your children

**Keep your distance (2Metres) from others
Wear a Mask wherever possible**

If parents need to enter the school you MUST either wear a Mask or a Face Shield

WASH HANDS - KEEP SPACE - COVER FACE

If you are unsure of what to do, please phone the school for advice.

Please remember the above procedures are essential to keep Hurley school and the local community safe and will ensure we keep classes open while as we move cautiously towards normality and a bright and happy future.

Thank you for your magnificent support and understanding

Best Wishes

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