

SMR/CWO/ppo
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Update: Durrington High School

As the national, local and school picture continues to evolve we thought it important to keep you informed. The following are essential updates and by working together we will continue to minimise the risk to our community. We appreciate you taking the time to read this very carefully and then sharing key information with your son/daughter.

1) Confirmed COVID cases in the school community

In the event of us being informed of a confirmed positive test result (Covid case) within a member of the school community (staff or student) we have a clear set of processes to follow. In liaison with DfE/PHE we conduct a prompt and robust Risk Assessment and those persons (staff and students) within the community who are identified as “close contacts” will be informed by email of the next steps that they must take. This includes dates of PHE directed self-isolation period. The name of the individual(s) who are confirmed positive would never be shared. Please see the useful information for parents form PHE at the end of this email.

On Monday 28th September we were informed of the first case within our student community. Please be reassured that all of the steps (as outlined above) were promptly taken and there was not the requirement to send a year group ‘bubble’ home. All future confirmed cases will be individually discussed with DfE/PHE and the necessary action taken. We were able to act so swiftly in this first case as we had the correct contact details for all parents/carers. **Please help us by taking the time to ensure that we have your up to date email / telephone contact details (especially if these have changed recently).**

Whilst we appreciate that isolation may cause short-term difficulties we are all responsible for doing all we can to protect against the potential spread of Covid.

Learning whilst self-isolating

As you know the quality of work provided on-line last summer was excellent. You will appreciate it is not possible to ‘live teach’ a student/students whilst they are isolating. This is how your son/daughter can access work and support:

- Work for students self-isolating can be found in google classrooms under their year group Home Learning page.
- Students can email their teachers separately if they want any extra support or if they want to submit any work.
- Homework is accessed through Connect in the usual way.
- Students can email their company tutor/company team should they require any other support/advice.

All emails from students must be sent via their school email accounts (link available on the school website), please check that your child knows their own login details and password. If, for any reason, you require support please contact itservices@durring.com

2) Face coverings

The majority of our students with your support have responded superbly. However, it is compulsory that ALL students both bring and wear a face covering when inside communal areas of the building at all times*. We ask all parents/carers to actively support this by ensuring that your son/daughter brings both a face covering to wear and a spare one which they can keep safely in their bag/zippered blazer pocket. Initially to support the transition we supplied some students who had forgotten with face coverings; this is neither sustainable or essential as nationally we all need to have our own face coverings. From Thursday 1st October student expectation cards will be signed (which, on the 3rd signature, will lead to a one-hour expectation detention) if a student fails to bring in and wear a suitable mask/face covering in school. Both students and staff are suggesting that the fabric style/washable masks are both more comfortable and durable compared to the disposable versions. Please be reminded that balaclavas, snoods or coverings/masks that cover the eyes, neck or head are not appropriate. Facemasks/coverings must be free from offensive language/symbols or messages.

*We have a very small number of students who, for medical reasons, are exempt (the window to let us know this and provide these students with an exemption card has now closed).

3) Sanitiser

Please be reminded that we ask students to bring in and use personal bottles of sanitiser. These will need refilling at home or new bottles purchased. Please support us by ensuring that your son/daughter brings in a sufficient amount of sanitiser for their daily personal use. It remains the case that frequent hand washing/sanitising, wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing are key in preventing the spread of infection. Should they not have sanitiser there are plenty of sinks where hands can be washed with soap and water.

4) Clubs

As you will appreciate our focus at the moment is to keep everyone as safe as possible. Regrettably this means we are putting a pause on all extracurricular provision at the current time. We will update you in due course when we are able to begin provision.

We thank you for all your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Head of School

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Executive Headteacher/CEO DMAT



COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

Visit: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test to book a test online, or call 119 if you don't have internet access

YOU SHOULD BOOK A TEST FOR YOUR CHILD IF THEY HAVE ANY OF:



A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on the chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature)



A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means 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 usual)



A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE OR SORE THROAT, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED. THEY AND THE REST OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE (UNLESS SOMEONE ELSE IN THE HOUSEHOLD HAS SYMPTOMS OR HAS TESTED POSITIVE, OR YOU HAVE OTHERWISE BEEN ADVISED BY NHS TEST AND TRACE).

YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE IF THEY ARE WELL ENOUGH TO DO SO.

WHAT TO DO IF...

<p>YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE ▶ Whole household begins self-isolation (10 days for a person with symptoms and 14 days for household contacts) ▶ Book a COVID-19 test ▶ Inform nursery/school/college immediately about test results <p><i>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</i></p> <p>They can return if the test is negative – providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours, and haven't been advised to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace.</p>	<p>YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE ▶ Inform nursery/school/college immediately about test result ▶ Your child and all household/support bubble members should self-isolate as advised by NHS Test and Trace (anyone with symptoms should book a test) <p><i>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</i></p> <p>They can return after 10 days of isolation, even if they still have a cough/loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last several weeks.</p>	<p>SOMEBODY IN YOUR CHILD'S HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE ▶ The household member should book a COVID-19 test ▶ Whole household begins self-isolation (10 days for a person with symptoms and 14 days for household contacts) ▶ Inform school immediately about test results. <p><i>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</i></p> <p>They can return if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and your child hasn't been advised to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace.</p>	<p>SOMEBODY IN YOUR CHILD'S HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE ▶ Inform school immediately about test results ▶ Your child and all household/support bubble members should self-isolate as advised by NHS Test and Trace (anyone with symptoms should book a test) <p><i>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</i></p> <p>They can return when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.</p>
<p>CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED YOUR CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE ▶ Your child should self-isolate for at least 14 days, as advised either by NHS Track and Trace or by Public Health England (via their educational setting) <p><i>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</i></p> <p>They can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms.</p>	<p>YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Attend nursery/school/college as normal ▶ If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities 	<p>YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE ▶ Self-isolate for at least 14 days in line with quarantine advice <p><i>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</i></p> <p>They can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms.</p>	<p><i>* If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days – even if they have a negative COVID-19 test result.</i></p>

For further information on COVID-19 in educational settings (including a guide for parents and carers) see: www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare