

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you for your continued support. In order to keep us all safe we need to ensure that anyone who has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who has someone in their household who does, do not attend school. If anyone attends school with symptoms we will be required to send them home.

Coronavirus symptoms:

- a high temperature – feeling hot to touch on chest or back (no need to measure temperature)
- a new continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or more than 3 coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Please ring in to school and let us know if your child or someone in the household has any of these symptoms. We will advise you to book a test for the person(s) in the house with symptoms: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Sometimes it takes a while to book a test but please keep trying for the first 5 days of someone in the house feeling unwell. Please inform us of the result whether it is positive or negative.

Unless there is a negative test result, **the person who has symptoms will need to isolate for 10 days** and the rest of the household **must isolate for 14 days**. Your child must NOT return to school even if the person with symptoms feels well again until the negative result or the end of the isolation period.

Work is available for any students isolating on Google Classroom and if you have any questions about this please contact the students Company team.

Please can all parents and carers remember that their son/daughter are expected to have a personal bottle of sanitiser with them to use in school.

In terms of planning for all eventualities, if we do get the instruction to go into a local lockdown at any point, all students will be required to bring in a personal face-covering. Please can you ensure you have these ready in case they are needed. If we should have a confirmed case of COVID-19 at any point we will engage with Public Health England and NHS Track and Trace. Parents of students that are required to self-isolate will be informed.

Kind regards

**Mrs L Allison**

**Deputy Headteacher**