



6th September 2021

Dear Parents,

Like many schools, we have had our first positive Covid case this term. You will have been informed if your child is in this class. As you are aware, we no longer send classes home to self-isolate for 10 days but please be vigilant in case your child displays any Covid symptoms. Please do not send your child to school if they display any Covid symptoms no matter how mild these may be.

Symptoms

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you are not sure whether you or your child's symptoms suggest that they have coronavirus or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If you are concerned about your child's health or the health of anyone else in your household please seek advice from your GP, use NHS 111 online <https://111.nhs.uk/> or call NHS 111.

There are things you can do to reduce the risk of getting COVID-19:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get to your destination
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

The current guidance is that if 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period we are likely to have an outbreak and we implement our Outbreak Management Plan. This would involve reintroducing preventative measures such as bubbles and limiting activities. I will, of course, update you if the situation changes.

Yours sincerely,

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