



11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As the week has progressed we have received many enquiries from parents concerned about their children's health, possible symptoms of Coronavirus and whether their children can come to school. Staff will always do their best to guide and advise you in line with NHS and government guidance, however they are not medically trained to make medical judgements. If you have any concerns you must contact your GP or 119 for further advice.

Below we have re-emphasised the information and guidance provided by the NHS and the government:

The NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> states the following as the main symptoms of Coronavirus:

- **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your 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 you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

The guidance goes on to state that if you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

In our previous letter to parents we provided further government guidance as follows:

- If your child has a temperature or has been given Calpol to control their temperature they cannot come to school until a negative test result has been received.
- If a positive result is received, the child must isolate for 7 days and all the family members, including any siblings must isolate for 14 days.
- After a period of isolation, we are aware that some symptoms e.g. cough, loss of smell or taste, may still remain. This will not affect your child returning to school.
- Test can be ordered online at www.nhs.uk or through the NHS Test and Trace service using the 119 telephone number.
- Parents must advise the school of all test results as soon as they are received.

In addition to the above can we also ask that you inform the school, by phone, email or a note in your child's home school book, if you have administered Calpol to your child for any other ailment. Children do tell us if they have had medicine so this will avoid the need to ring you and check that they haven't had a temperature.

We are aware that there are delays in obtaining a Coronavirus test. If your children are likely to be away from school for more than 4 days as a result of this delay or they are isolating as a result of a positive test, we will make arrangements to post work online in OneNote just as we did during the lock down period. Please contact your child's class teacher if you require online learning.

Lastly can I ask you to refrain from posting any details of your child's symptoms or testing information on Facebook as this can cause unnecessary alarm for other parents. The school is following all the government guidance and procedures to manage any suspected or confirmed cases of the virus and will take all necessary actions to protect its pupils and staff, this includes updating and informing parents should there be any confirmed cases of the virus in school.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simone Goddard', written in a cursive style.

Simone Goddard
Headteacher