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General Update

Dear Parents,

Now we have been back at school for over a week, I just wanted to thank you for your help and cooperation with the new systems in place and to tell you how amazing all your children have been in school.

The new Reception children have settled in brilliantly, despite having few transition opportunities. Thank you to all our new parents for your help in making them so independent. All the other children are settled in their classes and are working hard and really enjoying the new topics and being back with their peers and teachers.

However, given the rising rates of the virus, we still need to maintain vigilance in school and observe the rules contained in both Derbyshire and government guidance.

Please help us, and the fight against coronavirus, by:

- Ensuring your child washes their hands before coming to school
- Leaving the site as quickly as possible so there is a steady flow of people on and around the school site
- Socially distancing whilst waiting/queueing
- Respecting different levels of personal approaches to social distancing and keeping safe
- Ensuring your child social distances as much as possible outside the school gates

Once again thanks for your support, it is genuinely appreciated.

Keeping children off school

We are getting calls to the office regarding children who have minor coughs, colds etc. It is impossible for the office to tell parents what to do, as each case is unique and we are not medical experts. As parents and carers, we trust you to make an informed and sensible decision about whether to send your child in to school. The NHS explains that the main symptoms of Coronavirus are:

- **a 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

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

Further information about Covid 19 symptoms in children and how to get tested can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

I have also copied below the latest DFE guidance. If a child becomes ill during the school day, we will follow the guidance and ask you to collect them. I know this will result in an increased number of short-term absences but it is better to be cautious at this point.

'Ensuring that pupils, staff and other adults do not come into the school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or have tested positive in at least the last 10 days and ensuring anyone developing those symptoms during the school day is sent home, are essential actions to reduce the risk in schools and further drive down transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

*If anyone in the school becomes unwell with **a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)**, they must be sent home and advised to follow guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).*

If they have tested positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10-day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms.

Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.'

For further information please see 'What parents and carers should know...'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Please find an attached table that explains different scenarios clearly.

Of course, we are all working through this together and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions and we will endeavour to help.

Kind regards

Mr Simon Beahan



| What to do if.... | Action needed.. | Return to school when... |
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| ...my child has COVID-19 symptoms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school to inform us Self-isolate the whole household Get a COVID-19 test Inform school immediately about the test result | ...the test comes back negative |
| ...my child tests positive for COVID-19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school to inform us Agree an earliest date for possible return (min. 10 days) Self-isolate the whole household | ... they feel better. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks |
| ...my child tests negative | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact school to inform us Discuss when your child can come back (same/next day) | ...the test comes back negative and your child feels well enough to return |
| ... my child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19 (sickness and/or diarrhoea) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school to inform us Ring on each day of illness | ... after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. As per attendance policy |
| ... my child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19 (runny nose and/or sore throat) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check temperature and for symptoms of COVID-19 If no COVID-19 symptoms, come to school if well enough If not well enough, ring on each day of illness | ... they feel better and are showing no symptoms of COVID-19 |
| ...someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school to inform us Self-isolate the whole household Household member to get a COVID-19 test Inform school immediately about the test result | ...the test comes back negative |
| ...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed COVID-19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school to inform us Agree an earliest date for possible return (min. 14 days) | ...the child has completed 14 days of isolation |
| ... we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed Agree an earliest date for possible return (min. 14 days) Self-isolate the whole household | ...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed |

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| <p>... we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school to inform us • Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again | <p>...restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p> |
| <p>... my child's class (bubble) is closed due to a COVID-19 outbreak in school</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Your child will need to isolate for 14 days • Siblings can continue to attend • At home support your child with remote education | <p>...school informs you that the bubble will be reopened</p> |