

Attendance Guidance for Parents – COVID-19

This is our latest guidance as at Friday 11 September 2020, this is a fast evolving situation with guidance being updated daily to schools.

Facemasks

Please may we ask that from Monday 14 September 2020, that ALL students attending school have a facemask on their persons, this is not currently mandatory to wear, however, we would strongly encourage any student able and willing to wear one to do so whilst moving around the school. As I say this is a fast evolving situation and is subject to change very quickly.

Symptoms

We understand that this is a very unsettling time for many, and that with all schools re-opening and as the seasons begin to change that we will now see general colds and other ailments.

Please be aware that the main symptoms for Coronavirus (COVID-19) are as follows, and you only have to show one of these symptoms below to have a positive test of Coronavirus (COVID-19): -

- High temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- 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)
- 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.

If you, or your child has these symptoms to protect others, please do not go to places like a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result. You can do so by calling 119 or going to <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name> - This site is currently very busy, so you will need to persevere, with refreshing your browser until you are allowed access.

Children with runny noses or sore throats are not considered at this stage to be a cause of concern. To ensure the whole school communities safety and wellbeing we are relying on parents and carers honesty and discretion.

If you are contacted to collect your child

If you are contacted by school to ask you to pick up your child as they have presented with one of the above symptoms, we ask that you are prompt to collect them.

Absence Reporting – Secondary Phase

Our school absence line to report any illness, is 01926 747100 please select option 1 and option 1 again for our Secondary Phase (Years 7-13). This service is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We respectively ask that you inform us of your child's absence by 09.00am at the latest, leaving a detailed reason why your child is absent along with their full name and tutor group.

In all cases of self-isolation, it would be very helpful if parents could inform the school of the outcome of any tests.

Scenarios

Students who are required to self-isolate if a member of their household has symptoms of (COVID-19)	If someone in the student's household has symptoms, the household should self-isolate and the member of their household displaying symptoms should get a test. If the member of the household tests negative, the student can stop self-isolating and return to school, providing they have not developed any of the COVID symptoms themselves. If the member of the household does not get a test then the student would be expected to self-isolate for a period of up to 14 days and can only return to school if they do not have any symptoms after this period.
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<p>Students who are required to self-isolate as <u>they</u> have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)</p>	<p>Students who have symptoms should self-isolate for a period of 10 days and get a test.</p> <p>If the test returns back as negative, they should return to school.</p>
<p>Students who are to self-isolate as they have a <u>confirmed</u> coronavirus (COVID-19)</p>	<p>If a student tests positive, they should inform the school <u>immediately</u> and continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of the symptoms.</p> <p>Students should only return to school if they do not have any symptoms other than a cough or a loss of sense of smell or taste (anosmia)</p> <p>**This is because it is advised a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone**</p>
<p>If a student tests negative and they still feel <u>unwell</u> and no longer have symptoms similar to COVID-19</p>	<p>If the student remains unwell following the tests, for example - Sickness and Diarrhoea you should inform the school on the absence line and stay at home until you feel well enough to return (in-line with normal absence reporting)</p>
<p>Students who are required to self-isolate because they are in close contact of someone who has symptoms or a confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) or are notified by the school of an infected student's year bubble.</p>	<p>Students may not have symptoms themselves but may be required to self-isolate if they are/have been in close contact of someone with Coronavirus (COVID-19)</p> <p>The NHS test and trace guidance states that a person should self-isolate for 14 days if they have had recent close contact with a person who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).</p>

Show My Homework (Satchel One) – For Absent Students

We understand that students and parents will not want to miss out on any work, however, the teaching staff have teaching and timetable commitments and the work set for lessons often refers to printed resources or books that are available for that lesson.

Therefore work will only be set for students as below: -

1. **A Student tests positive, and needs to self-isolate for a minimum of 10 days after they have received a positive test result.**
2. **A Students household member tests positive, therefore they will need to self-isolate for a period of 14 days.**

Other than the above scenarios we would be relying on testing being done promptly so that we are able to have students back into school as soon as possible to commence their learning in the classrooms.

Work will be set on 'Show My Homework' as soon as possible and up to a maximum of 48 hours after the school have been informed of either one of the above scenarios, we would recommend in the meantime whilst awaiting the details of the test results that students continue to work through any homework that they have set on 'Show My Homework' (Satchel One).

School Closure

In the case of a complete school closure, remote teaching would resume via 'Show My Homework' (Satchel One).

Partial closure

If a year bubble has closed due to a positive case of COVID-19 in that year bubble, staff in that group are to provide learning opportunities as detailed above.