

Our Ref: SST/HBr

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Re: Engaging with the NHS Test and Trace Process**

I am writing to inform you of the school's and your responsibility if you, your child or someone in your household displays Covid-19 symptoms. Please note that the blue text below contains hyperlinks to key websites that you may well wish to refer to.

The following has come directly from the Department of Education in the event of this situation:

1. [Book a test](#) if you, your child or a member of your household is displaying symptoms.
2. Pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school.
3. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit.
4. Parents should provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace.
5. There will be a need to [Self-isolate](#) if you have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).
6. Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

Parents/carers should inform the school immediately of the results of a test:

- If someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.

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- If someone tests positive, they should follow the '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than a cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7- day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

I hope that the above information is of use to you and assists you in the event of anyone within your household developing Covid-19 related symptoms.

Yours faithfully,



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