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Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to give you a bit more information about what will happen if a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus.



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



If your child has any of these symptoms at home.

1. Your child and anyone in their household must stay at home and self-isolate. Please DO NOT bring them or their brothers and sisters into school.
2. Book a test. This can be done on line at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test-or-by-ringing-119>.
3. Contact school and let them know your child has symptoms.



If your child develops symptoms at school

1. We will take them to a classroom we have set aside for this purpose. We will ensure they do not have contact with other children. There will always be a member of our staff with them (maintaining 2m distance or wearing PPE)
2. We will contact you and ask them to come and collect them and take them home. Their brothers and sisters will also have to go home.
3. Parents will then need to ensure their child self-isolates and book a coronavirus test as described above.



If the test comes back negative.

The rest of the household can stop self-isolating and brothers and sisters can return to school. Your child can stop self-isolating and return to school once they no longer have symptoms. 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 the symptoms have gone.



If the test comes back positive.

If someone tests positive, they should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance). This can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>. They must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than 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 10-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.

Once you have the test results please contact school and let us know the outcome.

It is really important that we can quickly contact parents. If we do not have up to date contact details, please can you provide them via Class Dojo or by ringing the school office.

It is really important that we all follow the above procedures to help control the spread of any infection. Please remember the risk of children becoming seriously ill with coronavirus is very low.

As we enter the winter months we know there will be a lot of colds and other virus going around. This means children may often display these symptoms, resulting in disruption to their education. If your child is at home self-isolating we will continue to support their learning through Class Dojo.

If you have any questions about any of the above information, please contact us via Class Dojo or our contact form on the school website.

Many thanks,

Mr Morrison

Headteacher