



Given current uncertainty at governmental level, we are writing to set out the School's current position with regards to COVID-19, self-isolation, testing, and how we are managing suspected and confirmed cases.

It is important that all members of our school community are aware of what to look out for and how to keep themselves and others safe, and know when to get tested.

- **Symptoms to look out for**

We are sure that everyone is well aware of the key symptoms of COVID-19, but just to be absolutely sure, parents should keep their children at home if they are showing any **one** of the following symptoms:

A high temperature	A temperature over 37.8 °C
A new, continuous, dry cough	What might be recognised as a coughing fit – lasting for more than one hour, or three or more such episodes in 24 hours. It is worth noting that if your child already has a cough, it may well be worse than normal.
A loss of, or changes to, your child's sense of smell or taste	Your child should have noticed that they cannot taste or smell anything, or that things taste or smell different from normal.

- **What to do if your child presents with any one of the above symptoms**

If your child has any one of the above symptoms, or is feeling unwell in any other way, you should take the following actions:

- Keep your child at home – do **not** bring your child to school
- Access the NHS 111 online diagnostic service using this [link](#)
- Follow the advice given
- Inform Reception at Prep or College of this advice

- **What we will do if your child presents with any one of the above symptoms during the School day**

As per the Resumption of School Briefing, published in August, in the event that a day pupil presents with the symptoms of COVID-19, the following action will be taken:

- They will be taken to the Isolation Room at Prep or College, and medical support will be summoned.
- You will be contacted and asked to come and collect your child as soon as possible.
- On collecting your child you will be given an advice sheet, and asked to get your child tested at the earliest opportunity.
- Depending on availability, we may be in a position to supply you with a testing kit.

If your child is a boarder, they will be taken to the Isolation Room for an initial assessment by the School Nurse or one of the Matrons. We will then seek professional advice, and if advised to do so, your child will be moved into the dedicated Isolation Accommodation.

You will be contacted and, in all likelihood, your child will be tested.

They will be looked after in the Isolation Accommodation until such time as one of the following happens:

- You are able to collect them
- They receive a negative test result
- Their period of isolation concludes

- **Self-isolation**

The government advice is very clear as to what to do should your child be in a household with someone displaying the symptoms of COVID-19. Follow this [link](#) for full details.

Those who need to self-isolate must not enter the school premises until the necessary self-isolation period has ended. Clearly, it is not possible for the School to police this, but we are sure we can rely on parents to support us by adhering to these protocols.

- **Unable to get a test**

If you are unable to get your child tested, they should continue to self-isolate in accordance with government advice.

- **Contacting the school**

If your child is unable to attend school for **any** reason, whether for an appointment, day-to-day illness, suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, or for self-isolation, please contact Reception at Prep or College before 8:30.

It is important that you keep the School informed of your child's situation, and we would ask for daily updates.

Should your child, or any member of their household, be tested for COVID-19, it is imperative that you inform the School of the result of the test immediately.

- **Keeping up with lessons**

Though the health of your child will be the priority, clearly we all want those pupils who are unable to attend School to keep up with their learning. Please get in contact with your child's tutor so that they can inform teachers and make arrangements for your child to access lessons and prep. This will usually be through the MS Teams system that we have adopted.

- **When to return to school**

If your child has been unable to attend school due to displaying symptoms of coronavirus, they may return to school under the following circumstances:

- On receipt of a negative test result
- After 10 days of self-isolation if they no longer have a temperature – and regardless of whether they still have a cough or their sense of taste and smell remains compromised.

If your child has been unable to attend school because someone in your household has tested positive for coronavirus or displayed symptoms, but they do not develop symptoms themselves, they may come back to school after 14 days – though clearly only if they themselves are free of the symptoms.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the School should you have any concerns or queries about the information outlined in this letter.

- **Boarders**

As the school acts *in loco parentis* for boarders, boarding parents should be assured that we will be replicating these measures within the School. The parents of UK boarders should expect to be asked to collect their children at short notice, whilst the parents of overseas boarders should be aware that we have provision to isolate pupils in comfortable accommodation, where they will be properly cared for.

Summary

This is a difficult time for all of us, and there is a balance to be struck between a degree of caution so excessive that it would make the operation of the School impossible, and an approach so *laissez faire* that it endangers the health of our community. Proportionality and good sense are our watchwords, and central to this is the support of our parents.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your continued cooperation as we navigate our way through these uncharted waters.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the School.