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Dear Parents and Carers

Since the first national lockdown in March, school staff have worked tirelessly to make sure that we have reduced the Covid risk within our school buildings. We have risk assessments in place and have changed routines and rules. Because of these preparations, rates of infection in our school at the present time is still low and you should have confidence in sending your child into school.

Having said this I fully appreciate that some of you may be concerned about sending children into school, particularly if you, your child, or a member of your household is clinically extremely vulnerable and was previously instructed to shield in the spring/summer 2020.

The most recent advice for parents and children can be seen through the link below with the new guidance that schools and parents should be following. If you need further reassurance about this, please speak to your GP or specialist clinician. If the advice is that your child should not attend school then the school will make provision to ensure that learning can continue at home.

[Recent guidance](#)

For those parents/carers/adults that are clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable, the 'Government and Public Health England' have advised us that the risk of you coming into contact with Covid infection from your children who are attending school is low and so you should be confident in sending your children to school.

Unfortunately, after our return from the half term break we have more and more staff who have been instructed to self-isolate through the NHS Track and Trace app, which now means we have a number of colleagues not in school. We are working hard to ensure that we are able to cover those staff safely to ensure we stay fully open, although this is becoming increasingly challenging.

Please be assured that we are doing all we can to ensure that all our pupils and staff are working in a Covid secure school and we will do all we can to make sure that we are as safe and secure as we can be in these difficult times

Additional Advice NHS

It is of vital importance that if a household member thinks they may have coronavirus symptoms then their children and wider household members must self-isolate and inform the school. This avoids the risk of wider transmission occurring. If a test result comes back positive then all household members must continue to follow isolation guidance and inform the school.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and a test should be arranged immediately by booking online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.





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Symptoms

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you must stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely,

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