

Tuesday 15th September 2020

Coronavirus Update

Please find below some clarification on a number of points relating to coronavirus symptoms.

The main symptoms of coronavirus, as described by the NHS England, are as follows:

- **a high temperature (above 37.8)** – 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 normal)
- **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.

Most people with coronavirus have one or more of these symptoms.

If your child or any member of your household has one or more of these symptoms, you must all self-isolate and the symptomatic person must have a test; you should only leave home to get a test. The whole household should remain in self-isolation until the results of the test have been received. This usually takes 24 to 48 hours. This means that siblings of symptomatic children must not attend school.

If you need to book a test, check symptoms, get more advice on coronavirus in children, or contact NHS 111 online for more information; you can do this at the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Call 111 if you cannot get help online. Do not go to places like a GP surgery, hospital or pharmacy.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. My child has a runny nose, a sniffle, or a sore throat; should they attend school?
- A. **Your child can attend school with any of the above symptoms providing they DO NOT have a temperature, a continuous cough, or are complaining of loss of taste or smell.**
- Q. My child has one of the symptoms associated with coronavirus; can my other children attend school?
- A. **No, not until the symptomatic child receives a negative test result. This applies to all pupils at Woodhouse Grove and Brontë House.**
- Q. My child is unwell and is being tested as a precaution. Can my other children attend school?
- A. **No. If parents are concerned that a child needs a coronavirus test, the School presumes that the child is symptomatic and all members of the household must isolate until a negative result is received.**
- Q. My child or another member of my household was symptomatic and has had a negative test so my child has returned to school. Another member of the household has now developed, what appears to be, the same symptom; can they attend school?
- A. **No. Although the first member of the household had a negative test, other people may have contracted the virus after that test was undertaken. All members of the household need to self-isolate again until the symptomatic person has been tested.**
- Q. We received a negative result but coronavirus symptoms are persisting; can my child return to school?
- A. **No, you should book another test and the family must self-isolate until a negative result is received.**
- Q. My child had a high temperature and was absent from school. We tried to book a test but the nearest available test centre was too far away to travel. The temperature has now returned to normal levels (below 37.8 degrees.) Can my child return to school?
- A. **No. The child must take a test, whether through the bookable service at the link on the previous page or using a home testing kit.**
- Q. One of my children is in a bubble that has collapsed and they must remain at home for 14 days to self-isolate. Does this mean that my other children can't attend school?
- A. **As indicated in the Parental Guidance sent before the beginning of term, a bubble closure affects only the child within the bubble that has been collapsed; all other members of the household can function normally. The only time that the sibling of a child in a collapsed bubble would not be allowed to attend school is if someone in their household became symptomatic.**
- Q. One of my children has been sent home as a close contact of a positive case and they must remain at home for 14 days to self-isolate. Does this mean that my other children can't attend school?
- Again, in this case, all other members of the household can function normally. The only time that the sibling of a 'close contact' would not be allowed to attend school is if someone in their household became symptomatic.**

Please note, the above information is in-line with both NHS and Public Health England advice for schools.

In order for us to keep a log of all suspected cases, please inform us immediately of any coronavirus symptoms within the household. We would also appreciate it if parents would forward a copy of the test result for our records. All absence should be reported to the email address below:

Enquiries@woodhousegrove.co.uk

If children are absent from school for any reason, please ensure that you inform us clearly of the reason. Please note, 'under the weather' or 'unwell' is insufficient information whilst we are tracking illness so carefully.

THANK YOU TO ALL PARENTS FOR HELPING US TO KEEP THE SCHOOL SAFE AND FUNCTIONING IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES.