

As the roots spread so the tree grows

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Dear Parents/Carers,

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UPDATED RISK ASSESSMENT, COLDS & TUMMY BUGS

It is lovely to have your children back at school. I'm not sure who is enjoying school more, the children or the staff!

I attach our most recent risk assessment for your perusal. We have added some more notes to the 'Controls' section and have **hi-lighted** them below.

MINIMISING CONTACT WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNWELL:

Children and staff members who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not come to school.

Taken from the NHS document 'Check if you or your child has coronavirus symptoms'

Coronavirus in children

Children can get coronavirus (COVID-19), but they seem to get it less often than adults and it's usually less serious.

Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.

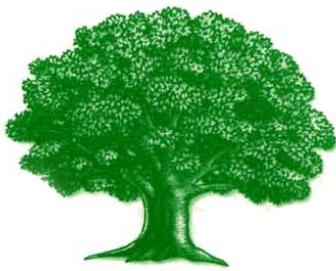
Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

Important

Get advice from NHS 111 if you're worried about your child or not sure what to do.

- For children aged 5 or over – use the [NHS 111 online coronavirus service](#).
- For children under 5 – call 111.

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Children and staff may have their temperature taken with the school non-contact forehead thermometer.

Any child or member of staff with a high temperature, persistent cough or loss of smell/taste will be separated from the bubble and sent home and asked to isolate and be tested. (Siblings will also be sent home.) We will follow Government guidance on further action.

Following the DfE guidelines, our response to any infection:

- engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
- manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community
- contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

COLDS

If a child has mild cold symptoms like a runny nose or a sniffle and does not feel unwell and does not have a high temperature, persistent cough or loss of smell and their parent/carer feels they are well enough to come to school, they are encouraged to come to school. If staff feel they are too unwell to be in school they will be sent home.

TUMMY BUGS

If your child has diarrhoea and or vomiting they may have a stomach bug. Diarrhoea usually stops within 5 to 7 days and vomiting usually stops in 1 or 2 days. Following NHS guidance, please do not send your child to school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days.

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