



Principal: Mrs C. Roberts



Thursday 10th September, 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

I just wanted to write to parents as we approach the end of our first full week back at school. Overall we have been delighted with how the return to school has gone and the processes and procedures we have put in place to keep everyone safe in school have worked well. As you might expect we have made one or two minor changes but largely it has all gone according to plan so far. I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents for wearing their masks and maintaining social distancing where possible on pick ups and drop offs at school – it really is appreciated.

As we could have all predicted infection rates are rising across the country but Halton seems to be currently one of the lowest areas in the North West – let's hope we can all keep it that way.

In school already we have noticed a lot of children starting with colds and also we are aware of some incidences of sore throats and tonsillitis. With all of these 'normal' illnesses we would expect parents and carers to act in their usual way – if your child is **otherwise well** and has **no COVID-19 symptoms** (see below) then they may attend school. If they are unwell and need to stay at home then the usual routines apply – call school, report the absence and ensure they return as soon as they are fit to do so. Children should not attend school with **any raised temperature**.

Where Coronavirus is concerned we still ask that you all remain vigilant in monitoring your child for potential symptoms, which may include:

- **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **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)
- **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 exhibits **any** of these symptoms then you **must** keep your child off school, **notify us** and **arrange for a test** through NHS Test and Trace, advising us of the outcome as soon as you receive it.

If a child becomes generally unwell in school then we will follow our usual procedure and will contact you.

If a child becomes unwell with any of the COVID-19 symptoms then we will follow our procedures in school and you will be asked to collect your child as soon as you can. You must then arrange for a test through NHS Test and Trace.





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At all times we will follow the latest Government and Health Protection Team advice and will liaise with our trust leadership team and our health and safety advisors in Compliance Education.

If someone in your household exhibits COVID-19 symptoms they should get a test. Other members of the household should then self isolate for 14 days and you should inform us.

If the test is negative then all members of the household can stop self isolating immediately and the children can return to school.

If the test is positive then the person with symptoms should self isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms and other members of the household should continue self isolating for the full 14 days.

If we become aware of any positive COVID-19 cases in school affecting either staff or pupils we will follow the Health Protection Team and LA advice and notify parents as directed.

I hope this helps to clarify things for parents, particularly regarding the usual colds and snuffles we get at this time of year.

Kind regards

Carolyn Roberts
Principal

