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Dear Parents and Carers

We have been sent a quick guide for parents and carers to support attendance to school which you can find on the back of this letter. I hope this helps answer some of your questions or worries with regard to the steps to be taken in the most common scenarios around suspected and confirmed COVID cases.

Public health have also asked that we remind you that all children should wear a face covering or mask on public transport, **unless there is a health issue that prevents this**. They have also gone further and stated that students should not wear the same face covering or mask they wear on the bus when they are in school. Students should remove the face covering or mask worn on the bus, clean their hands and then prior to using a second face covering or mask, they should again clean their hands. Hand cleaning should take place each time that the face covering is changed and the recommendation is that masks should be kept in clear plastic bags rather than pockets or bags. We have some food bags at reception if students do need a spare bag. It would appear that there is a worry that there may be some complacency around our behaviours if we wear masks and we do not perhaps clean our hands as much as we might, and we do not separate out coverings for different activities. I must confess the need to have two face coverings, one for transport and one for the toilets or changing rooms had passed me by, I apologise for not passing on this guidance sooner.

We have ordered more paper masks, students can come to reception to ask for a mask and a plastic bag should they need one for the bus or toilets/changing rooms. Can you please emphasise at home again the need for good hygiene, washing hands, tissues into the bin and the different masks in different areas.

Thanks again for your help and support.

Yours sincerely

Mr K Flanagan  
Headteacher

# COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) ABSENCE: A quick guide for parents/carers

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What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
 <p>...my child has coronavirus symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate</li> <li>✓ Get a test</li> <li>✓ Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	<p>...the test comes back negative</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate for at least 10 days</li> <li>✓ Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	<p>...they feel better. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate</li> <li>✓ Household member to get a test</li> <li>✓ Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	<p>...the household member test is negative</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation</p>
 <p>...NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✗ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✗ Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation</p>
 <p>...we/my child travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<p>Term time holidays, including absence as a result of needing to quarantine, are unauthorised.</p> <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate for 14 days - even if a test is negative</li> </ul>	<p>...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed</p>
 <p>...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p>
 <p>...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Only people with symptoms* need to get a test</li> <li>✓ People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive</li> </ul>	<p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p>

\* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.