

Parents:

If you believe you, your child/ren or anyone in your household has the symptoms of COVID19 then you must inform the school as soon as you can. This will help us keep others safe.

Please be sure to differentiate between standard mild cold or illness symptoms and this of COVID19. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

A high temperature – 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 usual)

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.

School:

In the event of a child or an adult within the school testing positive for COVID-19, we will inform the parents and other adults within the school social bubble and take the appropriate measures as outlined in the latest government guidance. Any decision will be taken by School Leadership in partnership with Blue Kite Leadership – based on the most recent up to date advice.

The rest of their class, group and others (also called the 'school social bubble') with whom they have had meaningful contact within their school setting will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider school social bubble do not need to self-isolate unless the pupil or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

Note:

- The 'school social bubble' within a primary school setting will be the class teacher and the group of 15 pupils they are teaching plus any other individual with whom they have had meaningful contact.
- In the event that staff or pupils move between bubbles (in unavoidable situations) and a case of COVID-19 is confirmed, staff and pupils who have been part of any of the bubbles affected will have to self-isolate.

Adults and children are now able to be tested for the virus and as a school/ trust we would expect them to do so, as soon as possible, if they believe they have symptoms of COVID-19. This is not only for their own safety but also the safety of others.

If a child or adult is self isolating and awaiting the outcome of a test, and both the parents and school believe they have symptoms of COVID-19, then we will inform all adults and parents within that bubble prior to the outcome of the test.

If a child /adult has a cough or cold symptoms (which is very common among young children) and it is not believed to be COVID-19 related then we will not inform parents in this instance, unless a positive test has been confirmed.

Please see COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection for further information and guidance.