



# WELLSPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Guidance to parents/carers, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

As of Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November, England will once again be in a national lockdown. As you may be aware, schools will remain fully open for your child/ren, and as far as we are currently aware, this will remain a **statutory duty** for your child to attend.

As one of the schools allowing partial access on to the school site to our EYFS/KS1 parents/carers, we are mindful that additional procedures will be necessary as of Thursday. **We kindly request that anyone entering the school site wears a mask/face covering, in order to protect members of the school community while on site.**

Staff have been asked to wear their masks/visors in communal areas and this is especially important when parents/carers and staff may be in close proximity in the morning/afternoon transition times.

As we have suggested previously, **if you wish your child to wear a face covering on site/in class, we respect your decision.** Government guidance does not yet suggest that primary-school aged children need to wear a face covering but we have always left that option open to parents/carers.

The government have consistently provided guidance around identifying the symptoms of Covid 19 and the procedures that schools, parents and professionals should follow. Having had a positive Covid test in one of our bubbles prior to half term, we were pleased with the **strongly supportive response we got from Public Health England in our management of this situation.** In particular, we were pleased we contained this to a single class, rather than having to send home multiple classes in whole year groups, as some schools have had to enforce.

It is crucial that **children or adults with Covid symptoms do not come on to the school site** and with a national lockdown about to start, it is up to everybody to keep the potential spread of the virus at bay. For those parents/carers worried about isolating and the impact it may have on their jobs/income, the Government have produced guidance on the financial support of up to £500 per week, for those parents/carers who may suffer financially from isolating:





<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-package-to-support-and-enforce-self-isolation>





Please refer to the guidance from the government about what to do in different 'Covid' circumstances, below:



# COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers



What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Child should get a test</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	<p>...when child's test comes back negative (if child no longer has symptoms and is well)</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms)</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test results</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone else tests negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>	<p>...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>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 COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Household member with symptoms should get a test</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	<p>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone else tests negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</p>

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> <li>• Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too</li> </ul>	<p>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</li> <li>• Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</li> <li>• Provide information to school as per attendance policy</li> </ul> <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>	<p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>• Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team</li> <li>• Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	<p>...when school / other agencies 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>