



All Saints Primary School

Weekly Parent Email

Dear All,

I am sure that you will have now heard that a few local schools have had pupils / staff tested positive for, or showing symptoms of COVID 19. I felt it prudent to write to you to reassure you of the procedures that we have in place here at All Saints and to once again confirm the Public Health England's guidelines.

If anyone displays any of the following symptoms:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees or above)
- A NEW **continuous** cough
- Loss or change in taste or smell

They must:

- Self-isolate for 10 days EXCLUDING the day of onset and get tested.
- The rest of the household must also isolate for 14 days and if they develop symptoms they must get tested too.

You can book a test online at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19> or call 119.

If the test result from the symptomatic person is negative, everyone can return to work and school as normal.

However if the test results are **positive**:-

- Public Health England (working with the individual, their place of work and any other organisation they are involved with) will make a list of 'contacts' who have been in close contact with the individual.
- Those 'contacts' will be informed officially that they are a 'contact' and are told to self-isolate for 14 days.
- The family / household members of the 'contact' do not have to self-isolate unless the 'contact' develops symptoms.
- If the 'contacts' show any of the signs of COVID, they will then be tested.

For most people, coronavirus will be a mild illness.

We understand that these are concerning times but directive is clear that, except in exceptional circumstances, children should be in school.

A couple of extra points;

- Please remember that giving Calpol to your child may mask the fact that they have a temperature.
- We are now implementing a random temperature test in school. If someone has a high temperature, they will be isolated immediately and parents will be notified to collect and get the child tested.
- To support our staggered school start and finish please ensure that you continue to socially distance from each other.

I hope that this has made it easier to understand and gone some way in allaying any concerns you may have. I will keep you posted if things change.

Take care.

Nigel Roberts
Headteacher