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Returning to School

17th August 2020

Coronavirus - When Should You Isolate?

Remember – the most common symptoms of coronavirus are:

- A new, continuous cough (one that lasts for an hour, or 3 or more episodes of coughing in 24 hours, or coughing more than usual)
- A fever/high temperature of 37.8°C or higher
- A loss of, or a change in, your sense of smell or taste

You should self-isolate if:

- You have any of the symptoms noted above, however mild
- Someone you live with has symptoms or has tested positive
- You have been told by an NHS contact tracer that you've been in close contact with someone who has tested positive

Here is additional advice about what to do, and what will happen at school, in 4 specific scenarios:

1. What to do if...a pupil is displaying symptoms at home:

- Immediately contact the **NHS Test and Protect** service to book a test (***NHSinform.scot/test-and-protect OR call 0800 028 2816***)
- Keep your son or daughter at home for **10 days** or until NHS texts you to tell you their test is negative
- Let us know so we can keep an accurate record

2. What to do if...you are contacted by NHS Test and Protect

- The pupil must isolate at home for **14 days**
- Let us know so we can keep an accurate record

3. What to do if...someone a pupil lives with has coronavirus symptoms

- The pupil must isolate for **14 days**, even if they have been tested and the test is negative
- Let us know so we can keep an accurate record

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4. **What will happen if...a pupil displays symptoms of coronavirus at school:**

- Staff will support them, maintaining a 2m distance, or if this is not possible, staff will wear appropriate PPE
- The pupil will be kept safely away from everyone else, in a well-ventilated room or outside shelter
- They will be supported to follow all the infection prevention measures (appropriate disposal of tissues, avoiding touching surfaces or people etc.)
- The school will phone home and ask you to collect your son or daughter, preferably in a private vehicle. If this is not possible, they may be sent home in a taxi, following all PPE regulations
- You must contact NHS and arrange for a test
- The pupil **must not** return to school until they have isolated for **10 days**, or you have been told by NHS their test is negative

NB: If a pupil becomes so unwell that they require an ambulance, the school will inform you, call 999 and tell the handler we suspect coronavirus.

Other Important Notes:

- If a member of staff or a pupil becomes ill whilst at school, we will follow strict guidance on enhanced cleaning measures to protect everyone else who is in the school
- We need to keep an accurate register of absences and record whether these are due to possible or confirmed cases of coronavirus, so please keep us informed
- We will use this information to keep our local Health Protection Team informed of any rise in cases and we will follow their advice about how to manage the situation
- We hope that, if all Infection Prevention protocols have been strictly followed at school, then there will be no need for the school to close, unless the Health Protection Team advises us otherwise

Thank you again for all your help and support. If we are all careful to follow the guidance, we hope that the school can remain open, and pupils will be safe while they are here.