As a school community, we are very excited to get all children back to school. Unfortunately however, this return doesn't come without concerns. One such concern would be an outbreak of COVID- 19 within our school community which could then lead to classes or even the school having to close for a period of time. To ensure the health and safety of everyone within our school community we need parents to ensure both they and their children are aware of certain measures that will be in place in our school.

***All Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must to adhere to the following:***

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| What do I do if….. | Action needed | Return to school when…. |
| *My child has coronavirus symptoms* | **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL**  Inform school immediately  Self-isolate  Get child tested  Inform school of test result | The test comes back negative and they are fever free for 48 hours. |
| *My child tests positive for coronavirus* | **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL**  Inform the school immediately of the test result  Self-isolate for at least **10** days  Maintain contact with the school | A child can return to school after **10** days even if they have a cough or loss of taste of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once infection is gone. If they continue to have a high temperature they should stay at home. |
| *Somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms* | **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL**  for 14 days  Inform school immediately  Household member to get a test  Inform school of test result | Stay at home for 14 days after the first person in your home started having symptoms.  If results of household members are negative, pupils should return to school when they have been without a fever for 48 hours. |
| *Somebody in my household has tested positive with Coronavirus* | **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL**  Inform the school immediately of the test result  Maintain contact with the school | The child has completed **14** days of self-isolation |
| *The Track and Trace scheme has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms of confirmed coronavirus* | **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL**  Contact school daily  Self-isolate for **14** days | The child has completed **14** days of self-isolation |
| *My child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate as part of the quarantine process* | **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL**  Self-isolate for 14 days  Maintain contact with the school | When the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed |
| *Staff or pupils in my child's bubble have tested positive for the coronavirus* | **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL**  Everyone in the bubble must self-isolate and take a test. | When a negative test is confirmed, or when the necessary isolation period has been completed. |

*WHAT ARE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS*

The most common COVID-19 symptoms are:

* A new, continuous cough
* A high temperature/fever
* Anosmia (a loss or change in your normal sense of smell; this can also affect your sense of taste)

*WHAT HAPPENS IF A CHILD SHOWS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS WHILE IN SCHOOL?*

If a child shows any of the symptoms of COVID-19 as listed above, this procedure, as published in the DE guidance will be followed:

1. Pupil is removed from class and taken to the isolation area where they will be supervised by a staff member wearing PPE
2. A record is completed and the child’s temperature is taken and recorded
3. Parents are contacted and must immediately come to collect their child within 30 minutes
4. All members of the child’s household (siblings) will also be sent home.

Parents will not be informed that a child from the year group is being tested as this may only be precautionary. Decisions will be reviewed on a case to case basis. Classes will continue to operate as normal until the school is informed that a child has tested positive.

**If a child is sent home, it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to follow the Public Health Agency guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection:**

1. The child should be tested for COVID-19 as soon as possible and the result shared with the school.
2. If a test is not taken the entire household will need to self-isolate at home for 14 days
3. **If the test is negative**, the child should return to school providing they are well enough to do so and have not had a fever for 48 hours.
4. **If the test is positive**, the child MUST NOT return to school for at least 10 days
5. If a pupil lives with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test, they must **stay at home** for a period of 14 days from the day the first person in the household started having symptoms. If household members COVID-19 results are negative, pupils should return to school if they have been free of a fever for 48 hours.

We highly recommend that all parents download the Contact Tracing App. This service will alert you if you have been in contact with a person with a positive test and you will receive advice on what to do.

As a Parent /Guardian I therefore also agree to:

* Ensure that school has updated, current contact information.
* Be punctual and on time for both drop off and pick up times and only from the designated areas.
* When dropping my child off or picking my child up at the schooI, I will adhere to social distancing and remain in my vehicle where possible.
* Allow my child’s temperature to be taken, using remote thermometers, as and when the school requires. e.g. drop off times, when child displays symptoms.
* Agree that my child will be expected to sanitise/wash their hands on arrival, before leaving and at regular intervals throughout the school day.
* If my child displays symptoms then they will be placed in the isolation area (along with siblings) and supervised from a distance by a member of staff who will be wearing PPE.
* Know that I will not be allowed to enter the school building without a pre-arranged appointment made through the school office.
* Understand my child will be taught in a class ‘bubble’, which minimises movement and any potential cross-contamination. If it is necessary for a staff member to be in proximal distance of your child, they may take necessary safety precautions with mask/visor/sanitation.
* I will contact the school to make them aware of outcomes of tests, both positive and negative, or if my child lives in a household in which a member of the household is considered to be vulnerable and has been advised to shield by a medical professional.
* I will leave it to the school, or to the Track and Trace Service, to contact any other individuals within my child’s bubble who need to be informed of a positive diagnosis and follow all the advice given by these organisations.

***Together, we can achieve success and minimise the risks.***