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Dear parents and carers

The children have really done brilliantly over the last couple of weeks and settled well into school life again. We are working hard to assess where the children are in the core subjects and planning their work according to their needs. Your children are working hard in class and trying to make up for all their lost learning time.

The attendance has dropped off over the last few days and this is understandable due to the change in season and the fact that lots of children are now back in school and in the same class again.

We have had lots of calls from parents/carers to check if they can send their children into school with seasonal colds and tickly coughs. Obviously, we really want your children to be in school but only if they are feeling well. Here's a simple guide from PCC which we are expected to follow and you may find helpful.



What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
A child has coronavirus symptoms: e.g. high temperature, continuous cough, or loss of taste and smell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Inform the school Self-isolate the whole household Get a test Inform the school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative, or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well
A child tests positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Inform the school Agree an earliest date for possible return (10 days min) Self-isolate the whole household 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began (even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell as these symptoms can last for several weeks), and the child feels well
A child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform the school Discuss when the child can come back (same day/next day) 	...the test comes back negative
A child is ill with symptoms not linked to coronavirus: e.g. sore throat, earache, stomach ache, runny nose, skin rashes, or norovirus with vomiting and diarrhoea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Inform the school Ring on each day of illness 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
Someone in a household has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Inform the school Self-isolate the whole household Household member to get a test Inform school immediately about test result 	...the test comes back negative

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We have added another tab onto the school website, called COVID-19. It's got everything you need here: <https://www.arundelcourt.com/page/?title=COVID%2D19&pid=249>

The table below is also really useful, especially if you think your child is showing many of the Coronavirus symptoms. It is difficult to get hold of a test at the moment and the best time to book one is usually in the evening or at 8.00 a.m.

CORONAVIRUS AND YOUR CHILD WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Symptoms of coronavirus (Covid 19)

- High temperature
- New, continuous cough
- Loss or change to sense of smell or taste

Testing

Ask for a test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119

How to self-isolate

Person with symptoms: Isolate for 10 days from when you first noticed symptoms.

Householder members: Isolate for 14 days, unless a test result comes back negative.

If your child or someone in your household has possible symptoms of Covid 19

If your child develops symptoms at school or at home, or someone else in your household develops symptoms → Tell school and arrange a test for your child or the affected person → Begin isolation → Other children in your child's bubble stay at school

When you get the test results

If test result is POSITIVE → Tell the school straight away → Continue isolation → Other children in your child's bubble start isolation → Your child can return to school after 10 days

If test result is NEGATIVE → Tell the school straight away → Your child should return to school when well

School staff will work closely with Public Health England to inform you of any possible or confirmed cases of coronavirus at the school and whether all or part of the school needs to close.

For more information, please check the school website



We can continue to keep each other safe by:

- Keeping socially distanced at all times, especially when you're on the school site. Since the national R rate has increased please can you respectfully wear face masks or coverings during busy pick up and collection times.
- Remembering to stick to the staggered start and end times as this will also help reduce congestion and overcrowding by the gates
- Only **ONE** adult per family to enter the site for drop off and pick up.

The school are not medical experts and we can only follow the advice we have been given. Thank you for your wonderful support and patience during these unpredictable and difficult times. We only ever want to do our best for your children.

Take care and best wishes
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