

COVID-19 related attendance information

Symptoms at Home

If your child develops **any** of the following symptoms whilst at home please do not send them into school and arrange a COVID-19 test. These symptoms are:

- **a high temperature**
- **a new, continuous cough**
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**

If your child has **none** of the symptoms above but has a runny-nose or sore throat they may attend school if they feel well enough.

Symptoms in School

If your child displays any of the above COVID-19 symptoms whilst in school you will be required to collect them. We require all children that are sent home with symptoms of COVID-19 to have a test.

The school must be informed of the result, if negative your child can return to school immediately. If positive, your child must remain in isolation for 10 days from when they developed symptoms (or longer if they still have a temperature at day 10). For any positive tests we use our details on class lists and seating plans to request that some students isolate where necessary and where they are advised to by Public Health England. We will contact you to get the names of who your child has interacted with, within 2meters, over the last 48-hour period outside of their lesson time. This will support our other measures of contact tracing in school and allow us to inform other parties that are required to isolate. If a test result is returned as unclear then a second test must be arranged.

Details on arranging a test can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Sending students home to self-isolate

In the event of a member of our school community testing positive for COVID-19 we will contact you if your child needs to self-isolate for 14 days due to being a 'close contact'. 'Close contacts' will be identified based on proximity and time spent in close contact to the person that has tested positive. If you are contacted to inform you that your child needs to isolate, there is no need for the rest of your household to isolate unless someone in the household develops symptoms. Work will be provided for student who are self- isolating via class charts, email and Microsoft Teams.

In the case of a positive test within our school community we will inform all parents via letter so that you are aware of the actions taken, after contacting 'close contacts'.

Out of hours school contact

If your child is required to have a COVID-19 test and you receive the results outside of school opening hours, please contact Mr Chambers directly via Tim.Chambers@biltonmail.com