



All Saints CE Primary School & Nursery

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My child is unwell – what now?

The NHS have launched a webpage that might help parents decide if their child is well enough for school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

We aim to be supportive and ask parents to let us know as soon as they can if their child is too unwell to attend school. We are not trained medics and may not be able to answer your questions – we can only follow the guidance we have available. If you're unsure, contact your child's GP or use the NHS support websites (click above).

If you suspect your child has Coronavirus (Covid-19) – DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL. Please follow the guidance below.

Symptoms to look out for

The very well-known list of Covid-19 symptoms is unchanged: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>



If your child has a headache, has vomiting/diarrhoea, or is feeling generally unwell please contact NHS 111 to discuss whether this requires a test – some children have shown these symptoms without the main symptoms.

Possible Case/Infection

If your child or anyone in your household has suspected symptoms for Covid-19, the rules are clear that everyone in your household must immediately self-isolate for 10 days.

You should also seek a test (through NHS 111: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or telephone 111) for the person with symptoms.

Please contact school as soon as possible, by email dsl@allsaints.herts.sch.uk (24hrs) or telephone 01279 836006 (school day time only).

The guidance for self-isolation is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Test Results

If the result is **positive** you MUST inform school as soon as possible so we can take appropriate and rapid action following national guidance. You must also continue self-isolation at home for all of your household and follow the NHS 111 guidance: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

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If the test result is **negative**, please let us know. So long as no one else is displaying symptoms your household can end isolation and return to their usual daily routines. If your child continues unwell, they can return to school once well enough. If they have had diarrhoea/vomiting, the usual 48hr rule still applies (from the last instance).

School Actions for a Positive Case

When we're told of a positive case in our school community, we will immediately contact the Local Authority and Public Health England (PHE) to inform them of this and request guidance/support for actions to take.

The actions depend on the circumstances, and so we may need to take any of the following actions:

- Inform parents of a positive case, but that no children/staff are deemed to be close contacts and no further action is required at this time
- Ask individual pupils/staff to self-isolate for 10 days (from the date of last contact) as close contacts of the positive case
- Close a class bubble (or more than one) for 10 days (from the date of last contact) since all members of the bubble have been deemed to be close contacts

What to do if your child is required to isolate (or bubble closed)

If we ask pupils/staff to isolate or close a bubble, only the members of that bubble will need to isolate. This means siblings and other household members can continue their daily routines as far as possible.

However the child isolating must follow the guidance in full for 10 days. They do not need a test (**unless** they begin to show symptoms themselves) and will not be allowed to return to school until the 10 days have passed. If they show symptoms, then the household must isolate and follow the guidance (see **Possible Case/Infection** above).

This does mean they should not leave home – even to bring another non-isolating sibling to school. This is in keeping with the Government guidelines. We fully appreciate this will be difficult (a nightmare even!) if you also need to take other children to school. Tier 4 rules now do not permit you to ask another household (unless registered childcare) to bring your other children to school. If you are therefore unable to bring other siblings, please let us know – you will not be penalised for non-attendance in this situation and siblings can follow the Remote Learning plan for their class.

Closing a bubble due to reduced staff capacity

If a member of staff is required to isolate (this may be for themselves, or for a family member), we may need to close a bubble if there are no staff available to safely work with that bubble. This is more likely to happen if several members of staff are isolating or otherwise unwell. Because closure in this situation is not due to a positive case in school, the bubble will only be closed for the time required to find appropriate staff to cover the bubble.

We will do our utmost to ensure that school remains open and safe for pupils to attend, and we ask for your patience and understanding as we try to do the best for everyone.

Preventing School/Bubble Closure and Infection in School

All of the measures we've introduced this term are designed to ensure the risk of infection is as low as possible in our school community. These are in our risk assessment and Parent Information packs:

http://www.allsaints.herts.sch.uk/website/school_policies/148594

We've had huge support from all of our school community, and we need to keep up the good work and not grow complacent – reduce unnecessary contact outside of school, follow the restrictions in place nationally, and maintain good hand washing routines.



Remote Learning – what will be provided

We absolutely do not want our children to miss learning opportunity, so if we do have to close a bubble or ask pupils to isolate, then we will do our best to provide ongoing learning while they are at home.

We have developed a two-tier system depending on the situation:

Tier 1: individuals required to isolate, but bubble remains open.	Tier 2: Bubble (or school) closed to all members.
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We do expect children isolating at home to engage with the home learning as fully as they can, but we also recognise the challenges parents face with this. Of course, if your child is unwell, they are unlikely to be able to fully participate, so please let us know if this is the case.

We will use **Google Classroom** – however please note that teachers have very limited opportunity to check the stream during the school day so unless the class bubble is closed, this feature will be muted for now.

Specific adaptations and support will be provided wherever we can for children who need them whilst learning remotely, such as children who are already identified on our SEND Register. This will be in line with their targets and plans as far as possible.

Welfare and Free School Meals

The welfare/safeguarding email address is actively checked every day (including weekends) so if you have safeguarding or wellbeing concerns you can get in touch: dsl@allsaints.herts.sch.uk

This is not an 'emergency' contact, so if a child or family member is at immediate risk of harm, please contact the authorities directly (Police: 101, NHS: 111, Emergency Services: 999) or Children's Services (0300 1234034).

If a bubble is closed, we will hold daily Google Meet sessions at 9.30am each school day during the closure period. This will be a chance to check in with the teacher and find out about the tasks for the day. We will also re-launch the dedicated parent email address so that parents of children at home can ask questions about learning resources etc.

The Government has asked schools to provide Free School Meals to families in the event of a bubble closure or if a family is in isolation due to a positive test within the household. We will contact families with relevant information as needed.