

Stannington First School COVID-19 Update

17th September 2020



You may have heard about the local restrictions, announced today, that will take effect from Friday 18th September. The restrictions state that residents in Northumberland and surrounding areas should NOT socialise with people outside their own households or support bubble. This may impact on arrangements that you have in place for drop off and collection.

Who can make a support bubble?

If you're in a single-adult household

You can form a support bubble with another household of any size that is not part of a support bubble with anyone else if you:

- live by yourself – even if carers visit you to provide support
- are a single parent living with children who are under 18

If you live with other adults, including if your carer or carers live with you

- You can form a support bubble with one single-adult household who are not part of a support bubble with anyone else

If you share custody of your child with someone you do not live with

- If you're a single-adult household, you can form a support bubble with another household other than the one that includes your child's other parent
- If you're not a single adult household, you can form a support bubble with a single-adult household other than the one that includes your child's other parent

Due to this upward trend in positive cases of COVID-19 in Northumberland and the surrounding areas and the difficulty at maintaining social distancing, particularly at collection time, I would appreciate if **all parents and carers wear a face covering** while they are on the school site. While myself and the staff cannot enforce this, I ask that, unless you are exempt, you work with us to protect yourself, family and our school community at this time.

If your child is in contact with someone who is tested positive for COVID-19, you may be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and your child will then be required to isolate for 14 days from contact with the person/child who has tested positive, regardless of any test results. It is therefore important to consider the social interactions your child is involved with out of school.

If we have a positive case confirmed in school, it is likely we will have to close the whole class. We are currently finalising our contingency plan for remote learning. It is important that parents/carers have their own contingency childcare plans in place in the event that a particular class is sent home.

Today, we currently have no children who are suspected of having COVID-19.

If your child or any member of your household shows symptoms of COVID-19, you must not come to school and the symptomatic person should book a test as soon as possible. I understand that this may be tricky at the moment but hopefully the situation will improve. Further information is available on our school website – just click the COVID tab.

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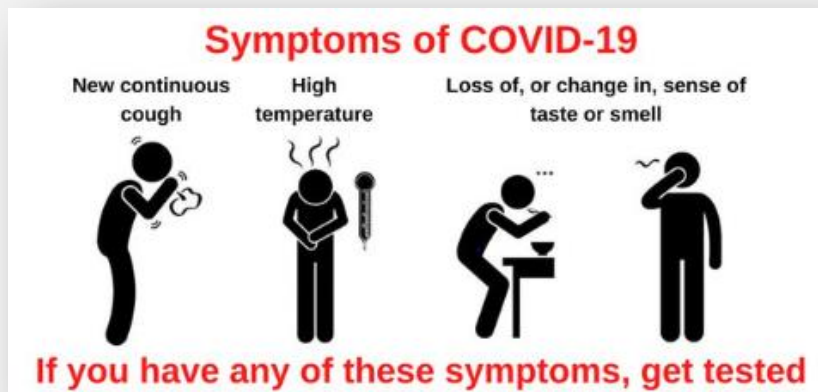
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The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.



Thanks again for your continued support. By working together, we can keep our school community as safe as possible.

Mrs A Palmer

Headteacher