

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, Emscote Infant School and All Saints' C of E Junior School have had cases of Coronavirus during the previous openings, with their close contacts being sent home to self-isolate. Emscote Infant School and All Saints' C of E Junior School is working with Public Health to ensure we are doing all we can to prevent any further cases.

Due to the recent cases we are extending the opportunity for testing to any child or staff member who becomes unwell *for any reason* to test immediately. Your child does not need to self-isolate, but we recommend that they stay home whilst unwell and awaiting the result. The family also do not need to self-isolate or remain at home.

We know that Coronavirus usually presents as cough, high temperature or a loss of, or change in, taste or smell. Anyone presenting with these symptoms is likely to have coronavirus. Other symptoms like sore throat, muscle aches and severe fatigue are more likely to be a seasonal cold, but some children with positive Coronavirus tests have only had these lesser symptoms.

Should any child or staff become unwell, then we would kindly ask you take the opportunity to be tested, to ensure it is not positive and prevent potential spread.

To do so you need to state to 119 or online that you have been **requested to test by Public Health**. The symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- Sore throat
- Diarrhoea

We have attached an FAQ on how to book your test when you have these less common symptoms. This is a new option which will be used in settings. This will reduce both possible transmission and self-isolations of entire classes; which is great news for the setting and local community.

This does not change the national guidance that, if you are unwell with a cough, high temperature or a loss or change in taste or smell, you and your household must self-isolate until there is a negative test result. If anyone tests positive they must isolate for 10 days and their household must isolate for 10 days from the first day of symptoms.

We understand that this new guidance may be inconvenient to you, but we believe it is necessary to ensure that we can maintain education provision for your child(ren). We want to keep you, your families, your setting, as well as your local community safe. Please help us - if your child is unwell, keep them at home and book a test.

Kindest Regards

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