



15th September 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Coronavirus Policy

Just to clarify the schools policy on isolation and absence due to coronavirus. The three published and recognised symptoms are

1. **a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)**
2. **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)**
3. **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.**

If your child or any member of your household is displaying any one of these symptoms the whole household needs to isolate and you need to try and secure a test.

Any symptoms not currently on this list do not currently require isolation or testing. There is clearly a cold going around which is causing some students to suffer from runny noses and sore throats. Unless they have one of the above symptoms as well this does not warrant isolation or testing.

The school reception staff are not qualified to diagnose anyone over the phone (or in person). However, please contact us if you are isolating due to one of the recognised symptoms or if they have received a positive test. At the end of this letter is a “My child is unwell what should I do” decision tree that you may find useful.

We currently have had no notifications of any positive tests among our staff or students and no-one that is isolating is demonstrating credible coronavirus symptoms. We have a number of students whose parents believe they do have a cold but, as they are displaying one of the symptoms, they are isolating as a precaution.

Social Media

We have had a number of parents contact us about alarmist social media posts from students and other parents. Please be considerate of other people's anxieties when posting anything on social media about the virus (or anything else). Please police your child's communications to ensure they are not spreading rumours about their, or others, medical condition.

Contact

Some of our students are calling home when they are not feeling well. We need to know immediately if students are demonstrating coronavirus symptoms so students should not be calling parents. If they are not feeling well (either because they have virus or non-virus symptoms) they should tell their teacher who will either isolate them or inform the office. We will contact you if we feel your child needs to go home for any reason.

Uniform

The lovely weather we ordered did arrive therefore there should be no need for students to wear additional, non-uniform jumpers. This provision was made in the event of cold weather which clearly does not currently apply. When the weather does change and we allow other sweatshirts they must be worn over their full and correct school uniform rather than instead of it. We will let parents know when we feel the weather is cold enough to warrant additional jumpers being worn.

If students have PE on that day and do not have a Langtree PE hoody they can wear a plain blue, grey or black non-hooded sweatshirt.

If your son or daughter cannot do PE on a day they have it on their timetable they should still attend school in their PE kit as there are other roles they can take on, officiating or coaching etc. Ensure they dress for the weather, warmer layers etc.

Curriculum Evenings

At this time of year we normally host some curriculum evenings when we give parents some information about the subjects students will be studying and how parents can best support them. Due to the virus we will not be able to hold these in school this year. We are producing some videos which will enable everyone to have this information to watch at their own convenience. These will be available on the school website.

Canteen

The external food serving points seem to be popular with the students. So much so that some students' accounts are going into debt. Please check your child's account online and top them up if they are running low. This is best done online through the school payment system at (<https://www.langtreeschool.com/payments/>) or students can temporarily bring in cash to give to the canteen staff (the revalidator in the canteen cannot currently be used).

Kind regards and thank you for the continuing support.

Mr Simon Bamford
Headteacher

My child is unwell what should I do?

Would you have sent your child to school before Covid?

NO



Keep your child off school until they are well enough to return.

If they are exhibiting any of the main Covid symptoms: Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.

Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

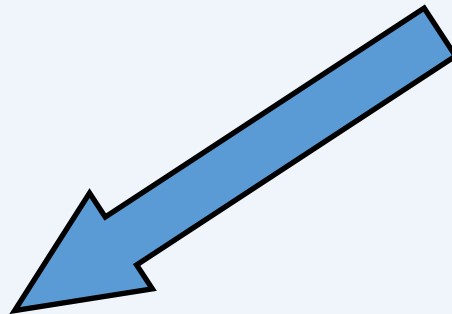
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Do they have?

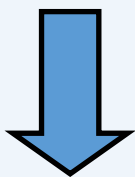
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NO



Does your child have an underlying chronic medical condition? (i.e. Cystic fibrosis)

NO

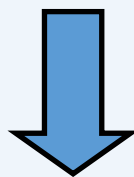


Children who are otherwise well, but have:

- Runny noses
- Sore throats without a fever
- Mild colds

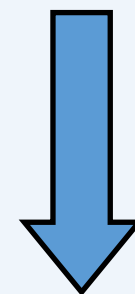
Can come to school as normal

YES



Speak to their specialist team about testing criteria if you haven't already seen or spoken to them or had a letter from them.

YES



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More Information:

NHS website: Is my child too ill for school? [HERE](#)

School Nurse: Advice for Parents. [HERE](#)

Call your GP or 111 for advice

NHS website: [Coronavirus](#)