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Coronavirus symptoms in children

Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter is intended to provide you with information about what school expects from you in the event of your child demonstrating any symptoms of coronavirus whilst in school.

If your child develops any of the following symptoms, we will contact you at the earliest opportunity.

- A high temperature (above 38 degrees for over 5's, 37.5 for under 5's)
- A persistent, new cough
- A change in their sense of taste or smell.

The NHS website states the following:

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. You, your child and anyone else you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have the test.

Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if your child has been in close contact with them since their symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

Therefore, if your child is sent home from school due to demonstrating any of the above symptoms, we will expect your child to have a test.

Lateral flow tests can be obtained from centres at Marjons and the Guildhall to use at home.

Children should not return to school until the result of the test has been found to be negative.

The only alternative to having a test is 10 days isolation.

I am sure you will all appreciate how important it is that we all play our part in reducing the spread of this virus.

Please work with us and ensure you always follow the advice given above. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Jones

Head Teacher

