

Dear Parents and Carer's

We currently have children who are isolating at home, awaiting tests and/or results as they have displayed possible symptoms of Covid-19. We understand that when children come back to school they can develop minor illnesses that have similar symptoms to those listed for Covid-19.

I have sought guidance from the Norfolk PHE advisor about this and the guidance for schools remains clear in that if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. We would also recommend getting a test as soon as possible. Information on testing is available via the links below:

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/test-trace>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

<http://www.nnuh.nhs.uk/our-services/covid-19-testing-key-workers/>

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. **Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.**

Further information on isolation is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

If your child is isolating due to developing symptoms themselves, or due to household isolation or being identified as a close contact, please let us know as soon as possible in the same way you normally report absence. This will help us to take the right precautions at the setting.

There is a flow chart attached to this letter which will help you make a decision if your child is ill. The flow chart will also allow you to understand our procedures at school.

How the system for testing is working is plain to see for everyone and we share your frustrations with this. We are working hard to develop a process for continuous home learning so that when children are isolating they can continue their education at home. We will write out to you to explain this in more detail soon.

I would like to thank you all for the way you are all responding to the school's ongoing risk assessments. Many of you are wearing your masks and this has helped to make the school safer in the mornings and at the end of the day. I have also appreciated the feedback people have given me as it does help me to reflect on our practice and make improvements where I can.

We will continue our achievement assemblies tomorrow, this is not in the usual format but we are still taking time to recognise the fabulous achievements children are making here when they follow our four school values:

<p>Being Safe</p> 	<p>Being responsible</p> 
<p>Being respectful</p> 	<p>Being a learner</p> 

Stay safe and have a good weekend, hopefully

Yours sincerely

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