



BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS

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Dear Parent / Carer

With the stream of constant updates from the Government, PHE and Press it can be hard to keep abreast of what the new rules surrounding COVID19 can be.

The government has recently passed new laws surrounding self-isolation and the potential resulting fines that could be incurred if guidance is not followed. The link below gives the latest information on self isolation and the government approach:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Last week the NHS launched their new track and trace app that can be used by anyone over the age of 16, it can be located here: <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19/>

This app **should not be downloaded nor used by students below the age of 16** as per the guidance below. There are also strict measures that need to be adhered to when using the app in an educational setting to avoid false positives or negatives. We will be sharing with all P16 students expectations around the use of this app shortly, especially what to do if they receive an alert whilst in school.

It is really important that as a community we are aware of all positive cases of COVID19 within family bubbles but especially of our students. Please can we reiterate the need of all parents/carers to contact us should your child receive a positive result, regardless of the circumstances. This will help us ensure you receive the correct information and we can take the appropriate measures to protect our community as a whole.

One challenge we all face is trying to establish if we have the symptoms of a common cold or COVID19, if unsure we would always recommend that a test is sought if any of the symptoms are present as outlined here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

The diagram below may also be of some assistance to you.

The situation is changing on a daily basis and we are doing our best to keep you informed and our community safe. It is important we all adhere to the guidance to reduce the transmission within our campus and protect the education of your children.

Yours sincerely

W Teece
Headteacher

Symptoms



Fever
37.8C or above

Coronavirus
Symptoms range from mild to severe

Cold
Gradual onset of symptoms

Flu
Rapid onset of symptoms

Common

Rare

Common



Fatigue

Sometimes

Sometimes

Common



Cough

Common (usually dry)

Common (usually mild)

Common (usually dry)



Loss of sense of taste/smell

Common

Sometimes

Sometimes



Sneezing

No

Common

No



Aches and pains

Sometimes

Common

Common



Runny or stuffy nose

Rare

Common

Sometimes



Sore throat

Sometimes

Common

Sometimes



Diarrhoea

Rare

No

Sometimes (for children)



Headaches

Sometimes

Rare

Common



Shortness of breath

Sometimes

No

Sometimes

Guardian graphic. Source: NHS, WHO, CDC