



SAINT PAULINUS
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

COVID-19: Information for Parents and Carers on Reporting Absence September 2020- Some Helpful guidance

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to School when
...my child has coronavirus symptoms <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a high temperature• a new, continuous cough• loss or a change in the normal sense of smell or taste (also known as anosmia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not come to school• Contact school immediately• Self-isolate• Follow government guidance on staying at home• Obtain a test for COVID 19 as soon as possible and within the first 5 days of the onset of symptoms• Inform school immediately about result.	<p>...the test comes back negative and they do not have symptoms.</p> <p><i>If the child's test is inconclusive... this should be treated as a positive test result. Further Government guidance must be followed.</i></p>
...my child tests positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not come to school• Contact school immediately with test result• Self-isolate for at least 10 days• Follow government guidance on staying at home.	<p>...they feel better at the end of the isolation period. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste.</p> <p><i>These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</i></p>
...somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not come to school• Contact school immediately• Self-isolate and follow government guidance on staying at home• Household member to get a test and as soon as possible and within the first 5 days of the onset of the symptoms• Inform school immediately about test result.	<p>...the household member's test is negative.</p>
...somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not come to school• Contact school immediately• Self-isolate for 14 days• Follow government guidance on staying at home.	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation and they do not have symptoms.</p>
... NHS Test and Trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with a case of confirmed coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not come to school• Contact school immediately• Self-isolate for 14 days• Follow government guidance on staying at home.	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation and they do not have symptoms.</p>

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What to do if...	Action needed	Return to School when
... NHS Test and Trace have identified a member of my household (not my child) as a 'close contact' of somebody with a case of confirmed coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No self-isolation required unless the child develops symptoms 	
...we/my child travelled and has to self-isolate a part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave of absence in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information and evidence to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate for 14 days. 	<p>...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.</p> <p>From 8th June you must self-isolate (quarantine) for 14 days when returning from abroad with some exceptions where travel corridors have been agreed</p>
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<p>All children are expected back in school as per Government guidance. Some children may be asked to shield as part of a local lockdown</p> <p>In these circumstances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact your child's teacher with regard to home learning support Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted 	<p>...local restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again, providing they do not have symptoms.</p>
... my child is unwell due to reasons other than coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your child has to be absent, contact school daily following normal absence management routines. 	<p>... as soon as they feel well enough.</p>

We hope that this helps you when deciding what to do when your child is ill now that school is fully reopened.
If you are in any doubt please telephone the school office on 01287 637978.

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