

DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Thoughts

We have reached the end of the first full week of term and as normally happens the various illnesses start particularly for many of us, who have been keeping away from large groups since March. The challenge for us, at school, is that the guidance gives us many scenarios and how we are to react to these – I appreciate at times this may seem strange, particularly with the need for testing, but as you can imagine managing the safety of all children and adults in school must be our highest priority. The advice we have received from PHE/NHS track and trace is below

To ensure we identify those with coronavirus while avoiding a huge increase in demand for tests from people without coronavirus symptoms, we ask that you recommend to your pupils, students and staff who feel unwell, that they get tested if:

- *they develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms:*
 - *a high temperature*
 - *a new, continuous cough*
 - *the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell, or*
- *they are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse)*

If a pupil, student or staff member develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, only they should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic. As schools and colleges across England return, pupils and students may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. These pupils and students don't need to book a test but may need to stay off school or college and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

I have also included at the end of this newsletter a few possible scenarios that may arise with illness, I hope you find this useful.

Thank you to parents that have identified some breaches in the school perimeter, I do appreciate that and can confirm I have put in some temporary measures for today but the remedial work will be completed over the weekend.

Some additional points:

- The school office will be closed from 2:30pm on a Friday, if possible, please make sure that messages are received prior to this.
- With the staggered finish, there is the additional challenge of waiting for older children, to help us with ensuring that children have been 'given' to their parent and not confused with another year group, could we ask that the children stay with you in the school grounds.

Have a great weekend.

Mr. Leigh

<p>Our Christian Value for this half term is:</p> <p>Love</p> <p>“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-5:</p>	<p><u>Future Diary Dates.</u></p> <p>The Oxfordshire Music service plan has now been signed by the County team and we will be starting the lessons very shortly for Years 3 and 4.</p> <p>Bikeability will also be happening this term for children that have achieved Level 1. Watch this space for information.</p>
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SYMPTOM	ADVICE
<p>Does your child have a temperature?</p> <p>37.8°C or above or feels hot to touch on their chest and back if you do not have a thermometer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep your child at home. - Your whole family will need to self-isolate until a COVID - 19 test result is received. - If the test is negative the family can stop self-isolating. - - Your child can return to school once they have had a normal temperature and they are well again. - If the test result is positive your family will have to continue to self-isolate for the 14 days and your child will need to isolate for 10 days. Your child can return once they are well and the 10 days have passed.
<p>Does your child have a new persistent cough?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep your child at home. - Your whole family will need to self-isolate until a COVID - 19 test result is received. - If the test is negative the family can stop self-isolating. Your child can return to school once they are well again. - If the test result is positive your family will have to continue to self-isolate for the 14 days and your child will need to isolate for 10 days. Your child can return to school once they are well and the 10 days have passed. They may have a continuing cough that persists beyond 10 days, children may return to school with this residual cough if they are well enough to do so. <p>The NHS describes a new, persistent cough as “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)”</p> <p>Some coughs we know will be linked to colds, so please use your judgement.</p>

SYMPTOM	ADVICE
Runny nose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where possible keep your child at home until you are sure this is just a common cold. - If any COVID symptoms are present then you must get a test. - Your child may return to school once they feel well again. Some children have a persistent runny nose through the colder months. We are expecting still to see them as long as there are no accompanying COVID symptoms and your child feels well enough to attend.
Diarrhoea and sickness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please keep your child at home until 48 hours have passed since the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. - Your child should only return after this time has passed and when they feel well enough to do so. - If the tummy upset is accompanied by a temperature then you must have a COVID test and your family should self-isolate until the test results are confirmed - as per the 'temperature' section.
Suspected ear infection/urine infection/tonsillitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As all these illnesses are generally accompanied by a temperature, we will expect you to arrange a COVID test for your child. - Until your child tests negative your family will need to self-isolate. - Your child will need to be seen by a GP to confirm a diagnosis and to prescribe antibiotics if necessary. After this diagnosis and once 48 hours has passed since their temperature has returned to normal and they are well enough to do so, your child can return to school.