



COVID UPDATE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

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Following on from the governments 'Living with COVID' plan, the following updates have been put in place in school. We will continue to follow the advice for schools from Rochdale Public Health and Rochdale Council, and have included below information updates and details of hygiene measures in school.

Although the legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate has been removed, if your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the advice remains, to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. This is because COVID-19 is easily transmissible and mixing with other pupils and staff could lead to an outbreak.

Please follow the link to the updated government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19>

There is separate guidance for people who have been informed by the NHS that they are at highest risk of becoming seriously unwell and who might be eligible for new COVID-19 treatments. If this applies to your child, please read this document:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-people-whose-immune-system-means-they-are-at-higher-risk>

KEY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

1. When should my child stay at home?

A. If your child has symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, and has a high temperature or does not feel well enough to attend school or carry out normal activities, parents/carers are advised for their child to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

2. My child does not have a positive test result, does not have a temperature and feels well enough to school, are they able to attend?

A. Yes.

3. If my child has COVID-19 symptoms, should they get a test?

A. Most people in England are no longer advised to get a test. They are advised to follow the guidance outlined within the links at the start of this letter.

4. My child has COVID symptoms and does not have a positive test result, what should I do?

A. See Q1. Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they no longer have a high temperature (if they had one) or until they no longer feel unwell.

5. My child has a positive test result, what should I do?

A. Your child should stay at home for 3 days. Follow the advice detailed within the link above. Please share your child's positive result with school. If your child feels well enough, remote education can be provided, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Hygiene Measures in school

Although there has been a local decline in cases since summer (7-day average), the risk of infection still remains quite high in schools. Following the step down of protective measures within the community, the risk within school settings has increased and therefore we are continuing to maintain and follow the good hygiene practices in school.

We are continuing to re-establish pre pandemic routines within school and, our prime concern remains the health and safety of our pupils, their parents and carers, our staff and their families, whilst continuing to give our pupils the learning and development opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support.

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