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Dear Parents, Carers & Guardians

Please find set out current government guidance and local authority processes on the actions to take should anyone display symptoms of COVID-19 and how this will be implemented in school.

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature (fever)
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Any one of the above symptoms gives reason for high level of suspicion for COVID-19.

A well person or child: feels 100% well, seems themselves and not displaying any changes in behaviour or their daily routines.

An unwell person or child could be a possible case of COVID-19.

A combination (2) of symptoms below gives reason for high level of suspicion for COVID-19.

Vomiting/nausea/off their food, diarrhoea, sleeping more than usual, complaining of not feeling themselves, listless/restless/agitated, shortness of breath, feeling cold, headache, severe body aches, sore throat/congested or runny nose - anything that is not feeling themselves.

NB For fevers, the NHS advice is to look for a high temperature - 'this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back; you do not need to measure your temperature'.

Key messages to staff, pupils and parents

Pupils, staff or any member of the school community should not attend school if they are unwell in any way - and only return when symptom free for 48 hours (further advice can be sought from Public health on this)

If anyone in the household is unwell, awaiting testing or has tested positive for COVID then parents **should not** send their child to school.

If someone becomes unwell in school, they must be sent home and advised to isolate and sent for a test.

Everyone should maintain social distancing in school as far as possible.

Wash hands frequently.

Cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.

Face coverings must be worn on corridors and communal areas.



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If someone tests positive

Children and staff in the bubble of the positive case must isolate for 14 days, siblings and household members in another class/bubble/school must isolate.

In high schools, staff can be risk assessed and if they have maintained social distancing with the positive case they do not have to isolate.

Household contacts of the positive case must isolate.

Contacts of contacts do not have to isolate.

Contacts do not need to be sent for testing. A negative test for contacts does not mean they can come out of isolation.

If a contact develops symptoms they can be tested - contact **0800 952 1000**.

Any confirmed cases must be immediately reported to the Health Protection Team (Public Health, Salford) who will support schools with risk assessments Tel - **0800 952 1000**. Please also inform an education lead at the council.

Yours sincerely

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