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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is our third week back at school, and we are aware of an increasing number of schools who have had to close to year groups due to pupils testing positive for Covid-19. It is essential that we stay open for all students safely. In order to do this, I would like to remind you of the government guidance, and advice from Public Health England.

### The symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
  - a new cough where you keep on coughing. This means coughing a lot for more than an hour or three or more episodes of coughing in a day
  - Losing or there being a change to your sense of smell or taste
- If your child has symptoms of coronavirus you must:
  - Book a test using 119 straight away or visit the NHS website
  - Child must isolate for 10 days from the start of the symptoms; all other members of the household must isolate for 14 days from the beginning of the symptoms.
  - Do not go to the doctor's surgery, in case of emergency call 999.

If a child is sent home from school with the above symptoms of Covid-19, we will not allow them back into school until the 10 days have passed. This is for the safety of all students and staff within school. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

If your child is unwell due to other reasons not related to Covid-19, then please keep your child off school until they are well, we will need to talk to you about the reasons why your child has been absent from school. For the first half term no action will be taken for poor attendance to school. We would rather we all stay safe and vigilant for the time being in order to avoid the spread of coronavirus. It is important that you keep school informed of your decision to keep your child off school whilst they are unwell.

You will be aware of the new rules in England from today, whereby no more than 6 people can meet, either indoors or outdoors. As Birmingham is an area of high transmission rate the new restrictions in place for Birmingham from tomorrow are that no households should mix with each other under any circumstances. We will continue to highlight this message for all students, but please remind your children that they must abide by this.

For further information please follow the link below.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/906663/20203007\\_Easy\\_read\\_household\\_isolation\\_v3.1.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/906663/20203007_Easy_read_household_isolation_v3.1.pdf)





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It has been wonderful to see our students back to school. I would ask that you continue to work with us to ensure that we can continue to remain open to all students.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

J Sweeney

Mrs J Sweeney  
Headteacher





Covid-19 related pupil absence  
A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>• Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>• Self-isolate the whole household.</li> <li>• Get a test.</li> <li>• <b>Inform the school immediately and please forward a copy of your test result.</b></li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>• <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days).</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul>	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. (These symptoms can last for several weeks.) <b>AND</b> the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>• Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day).</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>• Ring on each day of illness.</li> </ul>	...after 48 hours following; the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy) or other symptoms.
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate the whole household. ☒ Household member to get a test.</li> <li>• <b>Inform the school immediately and please forward a copy of your test result.</b></li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>• <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>• <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).</b></li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The household member must self-isolate for 14 days.</b></li> <li>• Child can continue to attend school.</li> </ul>	...child can continue to attend school.

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days.</b></li> <li>• Other school child(ren) can continue to attend.</li> </ul>	...child(ren) can continue to attend school.
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is <b>NOT</b> on the exempt list of countries.	<p><b>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled.</li> <li>• contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school.</li> <li>• Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul> <p>*<a href="#">Foreign, Commonwealth &amp; Development Office (FCDO)</a> – for up to date travel information.</p>	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that <b>IS</b> on the exempt list of countries.	<p><b>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check the current <a href="#">Exempt countries and territories list</a> to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list.</li> <li>• Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school.</li> </ul>	... you have informed the office of your return to the UK ( <i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i> ).
...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child did not travel).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school.</li> <li>• The person who has travelled <b>MUST NOT</b> leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs (please contact school if you need support getting your child to school).</li> </ul>	...child can continue to attend school.
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>• Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</li> </ul>	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.</p> <p>...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>

<p><b>...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Child must not come to school.</b></li> <li>• Support your child at home with remote education provided by Aston Manor Academy.</li> <li>• Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>• <b>Other siblings may continue to attend school.</b></li> </ul>	<p>...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.</p>
<p><b>... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms.</b></p>	<p><b>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</b></p>	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>