

# ELLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to say that the children have settled back into school really well and I would like to thank you for supporting us with the measures that we have put in place in order to keep us all as safe as we possibly can.

There has been some confusion in schools nationally in terms of the guidance on when students should isolate and the following will hopefully provide clarity:

- If a student displays symptoms of coronavirus, (**i.e. a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or loss or change to sense of smell or taste**) they should self-isolate, arrange to be tested immediately and await the results of the test.
- If a student then tests negative, they can return to school when feeling well and the rest of the household can stop self-isolating.
- If a student receives a positive test result, they must self-isolate for at least 10 days.
- If a student lives with someone (or is attached to a support bubble with someone) who is displaying the symptoms listed above, they must isolate within their home - even if they are not displaying symptoms themselves - until the symptomatic person is tested and receives the results of their test.
- If the symptomatic test is negative and the symptoms are gone, the student can return to school and the rest of the household can stop self-isolating.
- If their test is positive, the student and the rest of their household must isolate for 14 days.
- If a student has recently returned from one of the countries on the government's list, they should self-isolate for 14 days from the day of their return.
- If a student is contacted by the NHS Test and Trace system and told to isolate, they should do so and must not attend school.

There will of course be children who feel unwell with a headache, sore throat, stomach upset or vomiting etc., which is normal at this time of year. They do not need to book a test but may need to stay off school and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

In the event of any confirmed cases of Covid-19 in school, we will follow the advice of Public Health England and keep you informed as to whether your child needs to stay at home. Children who do have to self-isolate will be able to access work from the 'Home Learning' section of our website that will be updated on a weekly basis from September 21<sup>st</sup> and will also contain weekly homework tasks set by the teachers. Email addresses from which you can contact your child's teacher can also be found here.

To enable us to continue to safeguard your child/children, we need you to update the enclosed data collection sheet(s) with your contact details and any medical or dietary needs that they may have. In light of the current situation, which is constantly changing, we are also planning to move to an electronic mailing system that will enable us to keep in touch with you via text or email.

**Please return data collection sheets to school as soon as possible.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

**Mr K. Vardy (Headteacher)**