



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School



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Our school values: *Respect · Kindness · Challenge · Forgiveness · Perseverance*

Dear Parents

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Over the last six months we have all become used to the fact that the rules surrounding COVID 19 are confusing; even Boris Johnston himself has now admitted this fact. I therefore felt it would be a good idea to give some clarification about the rules and scenarios linked to school.

If somebody displays symptoms

- The three main symptoms are **a new, persistent cough, a temperature, loss of sense of taste or smell**. Further details can be found on the NHS website.
- If anyone in your household (including a child) displays symptoms, **everyone within the household** or your social bubble must self-isolate for fourteen days. This means the child with symptoms and any siblings (even if they have no symptoms) **must not attend school**. You should also not attend work or leave the house.
- School should be informed immediately.
- A test should be booked and school should be informed of the outcome as soon as possible.
- If a child displays symptoms while at school we will inform parents and they must be collected immediately.

If a child is unwell with something other than COVID symptoms

- In the case of sickness or diarrhoea the child must stay away from school for a period of 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.
- If your child is unwell and they would struggle to focus at school because of their illness or they would be at risk of passing it on to others, please do not bring them to school until they are well enough.
- If you are at all unsure please call us at school and we will be happy to give advice.
- Please inform school on **each morning** that your child will be absent.
- If your child is **not** displaying COVID symptoms **you must not book a test for them**.
- Unfortunately, we are unable to administer Calpol through the day.

If there is a confirmed case of COVID 19 in school

- School will immediately inform Public Health and they will instruct us on what we need to do.
- It may be that some bubbles need to close down and the staff and children from that bubble need to self-isolate. The school and Governors will not be responsible for making that decision. Public Health will inform us of what we need to do.
- If a bubble has to self-isolate, we will provide home learning for the duration of the isolation and teachers will be available during school hours via Seesaw and email to support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Paisley
Headteacher