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Dear Parents & Carers

Hopefully you have all read the latest NHS guidance on managing the Coronavirus which was sent to you all earlier this week.

From now on, Oak Hill will be following the Hounslow NHS medical procedures and the Department for Education guidance below when managing sick children in school in order to keep everyone safe.

If your child has any of the following symptoms, please do not send them in to school and you **must** book a Covid-19 test:

NHS Covid-19 symptoms

- **A high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back
- **A new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- **A loss of, or change in, sense of taste or smell:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste of things, smell and taste different to normal

If your child has any of the above symptoms, please follow the 5 steps below:

1. The symptomatic person must stay home **for 10 days and seek a test within 5 days**, but ideally within 3 days when testing is most effective. Their **immediate family/ those they live with must self-isolate for 14 days** whilst the infected person awaits their test results.
2. **If test results are negative** then the symptomatic person can end their isolation, providing they have not had a temperature/fever for 48 hours. Family members can also end their 14-day isolation.
3. **If the results are positive, then the infected person and their family must complete their isolation periods.** Other close contacts of the infected person, outside of the home, must be identified via the track and trace system and also isolate for 14 days. After 10 days, the infected person may end their isolation, unless they still have a temperature, in which case they must wait for this to return to normal first.
4. If a test cannot be sourced within 5 days, **it should be assumed that the symptomatic person has coronavirus and the actions in point 3 followed**
5. If one of the family members develops coronavirus symptoms during their 14-day isolation, then steps 1 to 4 must be followed again.

People with coronavirus symptoms who are isolating at home should only leave the house to access testing. They should wear a face covering, and drive or walk to the site and must not use public transport/taxis.

This is the guidance from the DFE and PHE and is essential to keep everyone safe.

Please note: even if a child is no longer experiencing symptoms, they still need to **isolate (and remain off school) for the full 10 days unless they have received a negative Covid-19 test.**

You will need to provide proof of a negative test result for your child to return to school before the 10 day isolation period has ended.





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If your child is sent home from school because they are showing any of the above symptoms, the same procedures need to be followed:

- 1. Seek a Coronavirus test**
- 2. Do not return to school for 10 days unless you have evidence of a negative Coronavirus test**

No child will be allowed to return to school without proof of a negative test result or at the end of the 10 day isolation.

Please continue to report your child's absence by email: office@oakhill-aspirations.org or using the phone 020 8890 4560.

My thanks for your continued support in keeping Oak Hill safe.

Yours faithfully

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Principal

