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Re: What to do if your child is feeling unwell

Dear Families,

We are very grateful for the sensible and cautious approach that you are taking towards the prevention of transmission of COVID -19. With the new government guidelines coming into play today and the news that at least one Island school has had a positive result I would just like to clarify with you the guidance that the school is following.

We have had a number of phone calls asking for guidance about whether to send children into school. The NHS website, <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> offers you guidance in coming to a decision about whether to send your child to school. You can also call Covid-19 NHS emergency helpline number on 111/119 if you suspect a case of Covid -19.

We currently have a number of children who have colds so please continue to use your judgement about whether you think they are well enough to attend school.

Please call us to let us know that your child is sick and won't be attending school 01983 292885

Parents are asked to telephone school as soon as possible on the first day of absence if their child is ill, and where possible to let us know how long they expect their child to be away.

The reason for the absence will be recorded against the child's record in the School Information Management System (SIMS), and the child's class teacher will be informed.

If a child is absent and no telephone call is received by 9.30 am, the school office will telephone the child's parents to ensure their safety and to find out why they are absent from school.

If the absence extends beyond one day, we request that parents telephone the office again on each subsequent day that the child remains absent.

If your child has a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, a loss of, or change to their sense of smell please treat as a suspected case and start self-isolation. 10 days for the child, 14 days for the rest of the household whilst you organise testing. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> Or call 111 or 119.

Please notify the school if you have a suspected case of COVID-19. Please also let us know what your test results say when you get them back. The NHS guidance says ... 'It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.'

What happens in school- We are following the government's guidance. Regular hand cleaning at key points throughout the day and as needed. Increased cleaning of high traffic areas and items, promoting catch it, bin it, kill it, Class bubbles not mixing with other class bubbles and adults in school observing the social distancing guidelines.

If the school receives confirmation of a positive Covid -19 case the school will notify Public Health England and the Hampshire Health Protection Team will advise and support the school in an assessment to determine if others will need to self-isolate.

What can you do to support – Please observe social distancing government guidance at drop off and collection. Please notify us of any suspected cases of Covid-19.

Links to support Mental Health

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-public-on-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T Eccles". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Timothy Eccles
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