



Dear Parents,

As you are aware, the numbers of cases of Coronavirus are increasing nationally and internationally, with the government moving to a national lockdown to reduce transmission. We are learning more about the virus and are working hard to prevent its spread whilst keeping children in school.

Coronavirus has three main symptoms; these are a cough, loss or change in sense of smell or taste or a high temperature. When anyone displays these symptoms it is most likely a Coronavirus infection and we therefore ask you to isolate with your household, book a test, and if positive, self-isolate for 10 days if you were the one who tested positive and 14 days if you are a household contact.

Children will often develop colds in the winter months due to circulating illnesses. It has recently been found that many children who later test positive for Coronavirus didn't initially display the main three signs of Coronavirus; their first symptoms were a sore throat, muscle aches and pains or feeling really unwell. To prevent the transmission of Coronavirus, if your child is unwell, please therefore keep them off school until they are feeling better. If they continue to be unwell and then develop a high temperature, loss or change in taste or smell or a new or worsening of a cough, then please self-isolate and get a Coronavirus test. Please see the flowchart for symptoms, figure 1.

Our schools are working tirelessly to maintain education provision in this crisis, please help your school. If your child is unwell, please keep them home until they are feeling better.

Signed

Public Health Warwickshire.

Figure 1: Coronavirus symptoms flowchart.

