

Highworth Combined School

Dear all

As promised, I am writing about the return of all children to school from Tuesday 1st September with the next 'chunk' of information that you will need. You will hear from me each day this week, with a summary of all the important information being sent on Friday 17th July and again on Friday 28th August.

The single most important step that we can all take to reduce the risk of the transmission of Coronavirus within our school community is to ensure that anyone who could be ill with the virus stays at home. If your child, or anyone in your household has any of the symptoms of Covid 19, your child must not come to school. The symptoms of Coronavirus are:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

In the event that someone from your household shows any one of these symptoms, you must do the following:

Everyone in the household needs to self-isolate for 14 days, no matter how mild or whatever you think the cause might be

Immediately inform Highworth School that the household needs to self-isolate

- Ensure that your child and the members of your household are tested for Coronavirus if necessary. This link can be used to book a test: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- Immediately inform the school that your child has received a positive test result for Coronavirus
- Contact the school before sending your child back if your child, or anyone in your household, has been ill with Covid 19.

This approach will be rigorously enforced, so please don't be offended if we ask you to come to collect your child from school because they are exhibiting symptoms. Whilst understanding how difficult this may be, it is our duty to do so in order to keep everyone connected with our school safe.

Thank you for taking the time to read this important information. I will be back in touch tomorrow.

Very best wishes

Clare Pankhania