



# Moorfield Primary School

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Dear parents /carers

Firstly, I would like to thank Moorfield families for continuing to support both the school and the wider community, by demonstrating a responsible attitude in your approach to dealing with Covid-19 and the recent tier 3 restrictions due to the increase in cases within our local area.

As things continue to change on a daily basis it is, however, imperative that the school is notified with immediate effect if **anyone** in your household, or bubble, develops Covid symptoms. We can only manage to keep cases low if we all abide by the current rules and guidelines. As a school, we are concerned that we are not currently being informed early enough of anybody within households or bubbles, who are showing Covid symptoms. This potentially could have a serious impact. The closure of a bubble or, even worse, a whole school closure will be detrimental to both your child's education and your ability to continue to work. Please can I remind you that you should inform school;

- as soon as symptoms are **displayed** and that point, a test should be accessed immediately.
- The household must self isolate until the test results are received. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANY CHILD OR ADULT COME TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE DISPLAYING ANY SYMPTOMS.**
- If you, or any other adult who has had contact with your child, develop symptoms then you **MUST** keep your child at home from the day that symptoms are first shown and until a negative test result is received.
- Do not wait for test results before informing school of any contact with symptomatic family members.

## Reporting during half term

It is important that you inform school if a positive test is recorded for your child or any member of your household or bubble. Over the half term only, this can be done by emailing [sec.moorfield@halton.gov.uk](mailto:sec.moorfield@halton.gov.uk) as this email address is monitored over the holiday. At any other time, this information **MUST** be relayed through a phone call. This is very important as the information will, obviously, affect your child's bubble and the wider school.

## What to do if your child is unwell

The box below provides a summary of the common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). A test is needed for anyone who has **any one** of the most common symptoms of the virus.



**The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:**

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature (fever)
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

**Any one of the above symptoms gives reason for a high level of suspicion for COVID-19.**

NB For fevers, the NHS advice is to look for a high temperature – ‘this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back; you do not need to measure your temperature’.

**If your child becomes unwell at home** in any way (or if anyone in your household is unwell with symptoms of coronavirus), they should not attend school. Please let school know the reason for your child’s absence. Your child (or other people in the household with symptoms) should then be tested for coronavirus (COVID-19). See the box below.

**Getting tested**

If your child has symptoms or you have been asked to get them tested, you can arrange a test at:  
A local test site (and get the results the next day)

By ordering a postal test kit (which will take a little longer)

To arrange a test:

Visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Or call 119

If you are experiencing difficulties getting a test for your child, contact school as we have a number of test kits available for emergency cases.

**Please see below – a recap of current procedures:**

**If your child becomes unwell whilst in school**

We will contact you and your child will need to be sent home. Your child will be supervised separately from other children and other members of the school community while he or she is waiting to go home.

If your child has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) they will need to be tested (see box above). Your child must remain at home while awaiting the test and the result. Your child, and all members of your household, should not come into contact with other people outside of your household. You must not go to a doctors, hospital or NHS facility during this time unless symptoms become serious.

**What to do when you get the results of the coronavirus (COVID-19) test**

Once you have got your child’s test results, or the test results of anyone else in your household, you must phone the school and inform them of the results. Even if the results are negative, you must still tell your child’s school. This is to protect the rest of the school community.

**What to do if your child’s coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative**

You must inform your child’s school of this straight away.

If your child’s result is negative and they are free of the symptoms for 48 hours and no longer feel unwell, they can return to school as long as they are not isolating due to being a contact of another

symptomatic household member or positive case. Household members can also end their isolation, unless someone else is awaiting results of a coronavirus (COVID-19) test.

### **What to do if your child's coronavirus (COVID-19) test is positive**

You must inform your child's school of this straight away. This is so they can inform the Halton Borough Council so that next steps can be taken to protect others.

If your child attended school in the 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms and up to the point of testing, Halton Borough Council public health team will work with the school and your family to establish any contacts that may have been made with others in the community, both in and out of school. You may also be contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service.

Your child will need to self-isolate for at least 10 days until they feel better and their symptoms have gone. A cough or lack of taste and smell might last longer than 10 days, but your child can still return to school. Advice on self-isolation will be available from the school nursing team or from the NHS (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>)

Your household and any other contacts must isolate for 14 days and watch for symptoms. If these appear then they will need to be tested.

### **What to do if your child is sent home because another child in their bubble (eg class or year group) has tested positive**

If the other child with a positive test result attended the school in the 48 hours prior to symptoms appearing, a decision may be made that your child's class or year group has to go home for isolation. This is to protect members of the school community and others.

If your child is sent home, your child's school will inform you of this and your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days and watch for symptoms. Your child will be offered a test if symptoms do appear. Members of your household will not need to isolate, unless your own child develops symptoms. All pupils in the bubble will need to isolate for 14 days even if your child has a negative test result during this time. Additional information and advice will be provided by the public health team if this needs to happen.

If children are sent home they will be provided with learning to complete at home during the period of isolation and we will keep in touch with you.

### **Further information**

For further information please follow the links below.

Guidance for parents about early years providers, schools and colleges.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providersschools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-aboutearly-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term#process-in-the-event-of-outbreaks>

Yours faithfully

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# COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) ABSENCE: A quick guide for parents/carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
 <p>...my child has coronavirus symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate</li> <li>✓ Get a test</li> <li>✓ Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	...the test comes back <b>negative</b>
 <p>...my child tests <b>positive</b> for coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate for at least 10 days</li> <li>✓ Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	...they feel better. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
 <p>...somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate</li> <li>✓ Household member to get a test</li> <li>✓ Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	...the household member test is <b>negative</b>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested <b>positive</b> for coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
 <p>...NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
 <p>...we/my child travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<p>Term time holidays, including absence as a result of needing to quarantine, are unauthorised.</p> <p><b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate for 14 days - even if a test is negative</li> </ul>	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed
 <p>...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
 <p>...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Only people with symptoms* need to get a test</li> <li>✓ People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive</li> </ul>	...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met

\* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.

[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

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