



THE GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
The Catholic Diocese of Northampton
"Following Jesus, The Good Shepherd, in all we say and do"

Thursday, 10 September 2020

Covid-19 Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term is going to be a huge learning curve for everyone across the country, as we enter the winter cold season.

I have tried to think through every eventuality in our 'Reconnection Plan' which can be found on your Parent Mail as well as on the school website here -
<http://www.thegoodshepherdcatholicprimaryschool.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1319&type=pdf>.
Please ensure you familiarise yourself with this document.

A new cough (persistent or several incidents in 24 hours), temperature (hot to touch), loss of smell or taste are classed as classic Covid-19 symptoms – even though they are also common symptoms of other viruses. You know your child best, if these symptoms are unusual for your child please follow the steps outlined below:

1. Let us know – you can do this by calling 01604 714399 or via Parent Mail
2. Keep them home, along with siblings – the household should isolate
3. Book a test – <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>
4. Let us know the result as soon as possible – we will need to see evidence and this will be recorded on our system
5. Whilst the children are off school please use IXL, PurpleMash and TT Rockstars to continue their learning.

If an adult – teacher or support staff – develops any of these symptoms:

1. They will stay home
2. They will take a test
3. Their class (if necessary) will be covered by another adult, socially distanced from the class.

If the test is negative, we can all get on with life as 'normal' and will not ask for a re-test unless the symptoms change or worsen.



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If the test is positive:

1. The person with symptoms should self-isolate for 7 days
2. The rest of their household should self-isolate for 14 days
3. We will inform everyone in the class and the class will close
4. All members of the class should be tested and inform us of the result – there is no need for everyone in the household to be tested if they are not symptomatic
5. All members of the class should self-isolate for 14 days (unless positive then they self-isolate for 7 days)
6. If the children test as negative, then there is no need for your household to self-isolate, just the children in the closed class.
7. If the class is closed, home learning will be set via IXL, PurpleMash and TT rockstars.

It is important that your employers and childcare options are aware that you may need a contingency plan for working from home if there comes a point whereby a class is forced to close due to a positive test. We will not close a class until a positive case is confirmed.

I completely understand that this is not ideal and that we all want to move forward, however I am duty bound by government guidance. It is going to be bumpy year, particularly with children now coming back together with depleted immunity after being apart for so long. But hopefully with the fast turnaround in testing and the Good Shepherd spirit, we will get through this together!

For now, let's celebrate being back together and pray that we do not have to revert to home-schooling. Thank you for your ongoing patience, support, understanding and kindness.

Please do contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Stay safe and God bless,

Mrs C Dodds
Head Teacher



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