

Covid-19 Information for Parents – Student Absence

| Concern | Required Actions | When to return to School? |
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| <p>My child has ONE OR MORE Covid-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High temperature: a new high temperature where child feels hot to touch on their chest or back - A new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours - A loss or change to sense of smell or taste | <p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact the school immediately by phone or by emailing attendance@highwealdacademy.kent.sch.uk - Student to self-isolate for 10 days – other members of the same household should self-isolate for 14 days - Get a test by contacting NHS 119 <p>Inform the academy of the test result as soon as you are made aware</p> | <p>If you have a NEGATIVE test result you must contact the school by phone or via: attendance@highwealdacademy.kent.sch.uk –</p> <p>Student can return to school</p> <p>If you have a POSITIVE test result INFORM THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY by phone or via attendance@highwealdacademy.kent.sch.uk.</p> <p>Students can return after 10 days if they are well enough to do so</p> |
| <p>Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms</p> | <p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us either by phone or using: attendance@highwealdacademy.kent.sch.uk - Self-isolate the rest of the household for 14 days <p>Inform the academy of the test result as soon as you are made aware</p> | <p>If the test is negative, you must contact the school by phone or using attendance@highwealdacademy.kent.sch.uk and the student can return to school unless they are displaying symptoms</p> <p>If the test is positive or a test is not taken student can return to school after the 14 days isolation period unless they are displaying symptoms</p> |
| <p>NHS Track & Trace has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with symptoms of Covid-19</p> | <p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us either by phone or using attendance@highwealdacademy.kent.sch.uk - Self-isolate the rest of the household for 14 days | <p>Students can return to school after the 14 days isolation period unless they are displaying symptoms.</p> |
| <p>Child is unwell with any other symptoms</p> | <p>Parent/Carer should decide if student is well enough to attend school in the usual way. DO NOT CONTACT THE SCHOOL FOR MEDICAL ADVICE, ADVICE SHOULD BE SOUGHT BY CALLING NHS 111. If a student is not well enough to attend school, you must inform us either by phoning the school or emailing attendance@highwealdacademy.kent.sch.uk</p> | <p>Student returns to school when they are well enough.</p> |

Useful Information for Families:

Based on information provided by the NHS and Public Health England (PHE) your child **does not need a test** if they have

- a runny nose
- are sneezing
- or feeling unwell

AND do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

The letter from the NHS detailing the above can be found [here](#)