



PARK HIGH SCHOOL

RE: Coronavirus – Self Quarantine- Information for Parents

Dear Parents and Carers

Following recent updated guidance on isolation in relation to coronavirus we thought it would be helpful to outline what parents should do with regards to quarantine in different situations.

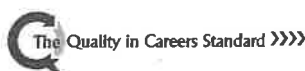
Scenario 1: If your child has a new continuous cough or high temperature (37.8 degrees or higher)

1. Please call the absence line by 8.30am, choose Option 1 and leave a message clearly indicating the name of the child, their form, which symptom has been displayed and that it is related to Coronavirus.
2. As per the latest guidance, your child should self-quarantine for 14 days.
3. We will mark your child as absent for 14 calendar days from the date of notification (e.g. if the illness is reported on Monday 16 March, we would expect them back on Monday 23 March). We will not respond to your voicemail unless the information you have provided is unclear.
4. Contrary to our usual guidance for illness, you do not need to call the school each day of isolation, just on the first day.
5. As your child is ill, work will not be set as they will need time to recover.
6. You do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact the NHS 111 online. If you have no internet access, you should telephone NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

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Scenario 2: If your child visits the medical room at school and displays a new continuous cough or high temperature (37.8 degrees or higher)

1. You will be called by the Medical Administrator and asked to collect your child.
2. Steps 2-6 above will apply. No call will need to be made as we will note the 14-calendar day isolation on the register.
3. Please do not send your child in if they display the symptoms mentioned above.

Scenario 3: If your child has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for the virus but is not displaying symptoms

1. Please call the absence line by 8.30am, choose Option 1 and leave a message clearly indicating the name of the child, form, that they are self-isolating due to having been exposed to a **confirmed** case, but have not shown symptoms related to the Coronavirus.
2. As per the latest guidance, your child should self-quarantine for 14 days as this represents the potential incubation period (the time it takes for symptoms to show if you have been infected).
3. We will mark your child as absent for 14 calendar days from the date of notification (e.g. if the illness phoned through at 8.30am on Monday 16 March, we would expect them back on Monday 30 March). We will not respond to your voicemail unless we need clarification on something you have said.
4. Contrary to our usual guidance for illness, you do not need to call the school each day of isolation, just on the first day.
5. If your child develops symptoms related to Coronavirus during the 14-day isolation period you should update us by following guidance in Scenario 1.
6. Your child should continue to check our virtual learning platform and complete home learning tasks if they are feeling well.

Scenario 4: For all non-related coronavirus illnesses

1. Please call the absence line by 8.30 if your child is sick – please choose Option 1. Please ensure you call every day your child is sick.
2. Please call the absence line if your child has a medical appointment to inform us that they will be late to school.
3. Please send in a letter to confirm the reason for absence on your child's return.

Updated Government Guidance will be added to the website on a daily basis; please check the website each day for more information.

Monday 16th March:

The Government have updated their guidance regarding coronavirus (COVID-19) for households with possible coronavirus infection:

“If you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill”. Therefore if you have more than one child and only one of them has symptoms, all of the family must self-isolate for 14 days – Go to Scenario 3

Yours sincerely,



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