

Dear parents/carers,

Please see attached information relating to procedures to follow for each scenario if your child or someone within your household develops symptoms of Covid. This is in line with the information sent out before the start of term but I hope you find it helpful as we are now in a situation where more pupils are needing to access tests and isolate.

We understand that tests are accessible at the centre in Southport and that appointments are being released regularly. We also appreciate that the 3 symptoms which require action may not be Covid but we all need to follow the procedures if any one of the three symptoms presents (fever, persistent cough or loss or change of taste/smell). Pupils should not come to school if they have any of these symptoms.

If your child is not able to attend school, please specifically outline the reason why when contacting school:

- Unwell – what symptoms does your child have:
  - Covid symptoms: fever, persistent cough or loss or change of taste/smell
  - Other symptoms: e.g. sore throat, a diagnosed issue from the doctor
- Self-isolating – outline details, who has symptoms and when has the test been carried out

Based on the information received we track and monitor that pupils only return to school once the test result has been received or the isolation period has been completed. Any pupil who presents back in school without completing the isolation period or receiving a negative test will be sent home.

If we have a confirmed case in school we will contact the Local Health Board who will carry out a risk assessment with us and advise regarding pupils who will need to self-isolate. This is likely to be pupils who have been within close contact and is why our seating plans and whereabouts of pupils and staff is being monitored routinely.

We appreciate the difficulty of this situation but all of this is a key aspect of our health and safety processes in school and in place to reduce the risk of infection.

Kind regards,

Mrs Robinson (Deputy Headteacher)