

## Coronavirus FAQs

### 1. What do I do if my child becomes ill during the day?

We will contact you as normal and liaise with you about collecting your child if they are too ill to remain in school or if, under the unusual circumstances, you want to take your child home.

### 2. Can I collect my child from school if I have concerns about their health?

The advice from Public Health England (PHE) is that it is safe for students to remain in school unless they are experiencing symptoms. If they become ill, the advice is as in question 1. If you come to school to collect your child without contacting us first, you **MUST** be the named contact on our system. For safeguarding reasons, we are not allowed to let students leave with unnamed contacts, even if they are a close family relative, without your permission. Please remember that staff on reception and pastoral staff are simply doing their job if they refuse to let your child leave with an unnamed contact.

### 3. Why have PHE said that there is a low risk?

PHE have all the information related to any specific cases.

The PHE advice is that *“we are only advising people to self-isolate that have travelled to countries of significance or have come into direct contact with a confirmed case (and have been contacted by PHE and advised to specifically.) If they do not meet these criteria, they do not need to self-isolate. If people are not ill, they can go about normal business attend work/school.”*

### 4. What if my child has an underlying health condition?

Please contact 111 for advice if your child experiences symptoms. Please remember that we are not medical professionals and cannot make decisions for you or give medical advice for your child.

### 5. My child is involved in a trip/activity/PE fixture soon. What will happen?

For all trips going out we are liaising with insurers and travel companies and will be/have been in touch with parents where we have felt that it is safer to cancel. We have assessed risk on a trip by trip basis and are dealing with the trips that leave soonest, so please be patient if you have received no information about trips due to leave in the summer, for example. For fixtures we will liaise with other schools and keep students informed about whether they will go ahead.

### 6. Will the school provide work if my child is off school?

School is open as normal, so normal catch up procedures will be used on the student's return. There are a lot of resources online that students are aware of and that can be used, including work teachers may have set on Doodle. If the school is advised to close by PHE we will use the website to provide access to work for all students, in priority order, starting with exam classes.

### 7. Will coursework deadlines still apply?

Yes, coursework deadline will still apply. Students should check their school email account and the school website for further information.

### **8. Will my child's absence be authorised?**

We do not know the answer to this question at the moment but will be seeking advice from the Department for Education (DfE).

### **9. I'm hearing about lots of other cancellations and so on in the media. If it is serious enough to cancel football matches why isn't school closed?**

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### **10. How can I find out more information?**

The following links give further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

These are available on our website and we will post any new information as it becomes available. We will alert you to any updates on the website by text message, so it's important that we have the most up to date contact numbers.

#### **Additional FAQs:**

### **11. What will happen to GCSEs, will they be postponed?**

At the moment, GCSEs and other exams are going ahead as normal. If and when we are informed by the DfE of any changes, we will let you know.

### **12. Is the school going to close this week?**

We have no plans at the moment to close the school, and in fact are not allowed to unless instructed to do so by PHE.