



11th November 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As you know, our system of controls in school have successfully enabled DEC to reopen for all pupils with relatively small instances of self-isolation for bubbles of pupils. This success has relied not only in internal systems but in the vigilance and caution taken by families. I write here to clarify the instances where your child must isolate and not attend school:

1. If they have symptoms of COVID-19
2. If anyone in the household has symptoms of COVID-19
3. If they have been notified as a contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19
4. If they have taken a test or an appointment for a test has been booked

I would like to specifically highlight point 4 above.

Regardless of the circumstances which led to a pupil taking a COVID-19 test, they must not attend school while waiting for test results.

They, and the rest of the household must self-isolate. Equally, if anyone else in the household is waiting for COVID-19 test results, the whole household must isolate. Once test results are known, appropriate action can be taken to either end self-isolation (if the test is negative) or continue to isolate (if the test is positive) for the required number of days whilst also notifying school so any required contact tracing can take place.

It is imperative that everyone follows the guidance strictly, to prevent transmission of the virus.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Dunn
Head Teacher

