

Quick guide covid 19

St Mary's Special School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

THIS IS OUR SCHOOL 'WHAT TO DO GUIDE' IN RELATION TO **COVID**, THESE RULES APPLY TO **ALL PUPILS**, THEY ARE FOR THE PROTECTION OF YOUR CHILD. May I suggest you print this guide off or download it to your phone to have it at hand for easy reference. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

These 3 main Covid symptoms require action by a Parent:

- **A high temperature: (38o) /your child's head, back or chest feels hot to touch**
- **A new persistent cough (or if they normally have a cough- it is worse)**
- **Loss or change in normal sense of smell or taste**

IF YOUR CHILD HAS COVID 19 SYMPTOMS

- Do not send your child to school
- Consult your G.P. and get a Covid 19 test
- Inform the school immediately about test results
- **Your child can return to school if their test is negative and they have no symptoms for 48 hours**

IF YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID 19

- Do not send your child to school
- **Inform the school immediately about test result**
- Self- isolate for at least fourteen days
- Keep in touch with school
- **Your child can return to school after ten days provided there are no symptoms and your child's bubble/pod has fully re-opened**

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID SYMPTOMS

- Do not send your child to school
- The household member should book a Covid test
- Household self- isolates
- Inform the school immediately about test results
- **Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the contact tracing service**

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID

- Do not send your child to school
- Inform the school immediately about test result
- **Your child can return to school when they have completed fourteen days of self isolation and have no symptoms**

CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

- Do not send your child to school
- Self- isolate for at least fourteen days
- **Your child can return to school when they have completed fourteen days of self - isolation and have no symptoms**

***Our school covid 19 and illness policies and guides are working documents and will be amended and reviewed as necessary as we do our best to navigate these challenging times together. Please keep an eye on the school website : www.stmarysspecialschool.com And the school Covid response plan there for full details on how our school will be responding to all Covid 19/ illness queries.**

Yours sincerely

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