

Student Medical Care Policy Addendum (June/July 2020)

This addendum follows Government Guidance on managing student illness in school during the period of wider opening of schools in June 2020 during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

This information is detailed in the school's Covid-19 Risk Assessment and Action Plan and has been adapted in order to ensure appropriate provision remains in place for students who become ill whilst attending school, whilst at the same time reducing the possibility of transmission of Covid-19 within the school.

Student Covid-19 Illness

1. Students must not enter the building with Covid-19 symptoms :
 - a high temperature (feeling hot/shivery)
 - a new, continuous cough (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)
 - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

2. Students will be reminded of Covid-19 symptoms (through assembly) and parents will be informed by letter that they must not send their child if they are unwell with Covid-19 symptoms or if anyone in the family has confirmed Covid-19 and they are therefore self-isolating with their family.

3. Students who are “clinically extremely vulnerable” * will be guided to seek medical advice but will not be expected to attend school.

4. Students who are “clinically vulnerable”** (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) will be expected to seek medical advice and inform the school if they are not attending

5. Students who are shielding or self- isolating because members of their family are clinically extremely vulnerable or because members of their family have Covid-19 symptoms and have tested positive will not be expected to attend for the duration of the self-isolation.

3. If students become ill in school they must follow the isolation process in school and arrangements will made for them to leave the building as soon as possible. Parents/carers must collect their child immediately. Parents will be asked to ensure they follow the Government guidance “COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection”. The parent/carer will be given a slip with this information listed. Parents must inform the school of the outcome of the Covid-19 test.

4. Students must report if they feel unwell with Covid-19 symptoms immediately to their Head of Year.

5. The area where the person became ill should be reported to premises team and cleaned and other students present will be re-roomed.

6. The school will maintain a symptoms register to support track and trace processes.
7. If a student is awaiting collection, they will be escorted by a First Aid trained member of staff (usually the Head of Year) , maintaining 2 m distance where possible to the A floor Hygiene room opposite reception. The First Aid trained person will wear full PPE in order to ensure adequate care is provided and to ensure Covid-19 transmission is minimised.
8. If the ill person needs to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use the Hygiene room toilet and under no circumstances leave the room.
9. Welfare of the ill student to be checked on by HOY/first aider at social distance and full PPE should be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection
10. All first Aiders to be trained in these processes and the wearing of PPE
11. If the child is seriously ill 999 will be called by reception on the instruction of the lead first aider and parents will be informed this has happened and to make arrangements to meet their child at the hospital
12. If a member of staff has helped someone who was unwell with Covid-19 symptoms they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves or if the child tests positive for Covid-19 (staff should to undertake a test and report the results to HR)
13. The student must have a Covid 19 test. If this is negative, then they can return to school as soon as they feel well enough
14. If the student tests positive they must inform school and self isolate with their families (themselves for 7 days and their family members for 14 days). Track and Trace processes will then inform any other people who have been in contact with the student of their next steps.
15. If people in contact with the infected student develop symptoms, they should get a test and self isolate. They must report the outcome of the test to school.
16. Parents of the tested student must be told they must advise school of the outcome of the test results so that appropriate action can then be taken in school regarding advice to test others
17. If a number of people in contact with the student then test positive, this would constitute a 'cluster' and further advice would be taken from Public Health England's local Health Protection Teams about closure/further limiting numbers

*In line with current Government Guidance.