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'Learn to love and love to learn; in God's love each one will shine'.

St. Andrew's Church of England (VC) Primary School

Covid-19 Additional Medical Information

This statement is an Annexe to our "Supporting Children with Medical Conditions policy", and clarifies First Aid arrangements during the Covid-19 restriction period.

During class lesson and break time First Aid will be administered by the the class bubble adults. First Aid equipment (including PPE for staff) is available in all classrooms and kept out of reach of children

During the lunch period, we have allocated adults on First Aid duty, who have PPE equipment (gloves, aprons, face Masks, and visors) available for use. Surfaces are wiped down and cleaned between children attending the first aid station- in the conservatory. Injuries are logged in the normal fashion and procedures for contacting a parent/carer following an injury are unchanged.

SUSPECTED COVID-19

Parents are clearly advised that no children **must not** be sent to school if they are displaying Covid-19 symptoms. These are:

- high temperature (37.8 deg C or more),
- a new continuous cough
- or a loss of, or change, in their normal sense of taste or smell.

Where a child or staff member becomes ill with suspected Covid-19 symptoms whilst at school we will follow the steps set out by Public Health England and HCC. (See Appendix 1 for parental guidance. Staff Guidance is stored in school)

The staff member will be sent home immediately and will need to arrange a test. Staff members will be provided with a referral form by the Headteacher for testing.

Children, displaying symptoms, will be isolated, with a member of staff until collected by their parent/carer. Depending upon the time of day the child will either be isolated in the staff room or school library (lunchtime).

Staff will wear PPE equipment whilst waiting with the isolating child and will maintain two metre distance from them.

If direct care (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs) is required then staff giving care to wear a fluid resistant surgical mask (type IIR), disposable apron and gloves.

Anyone who has had contact with those with symptoms to wash hands thoroughly.

All areas occupied and equipment used by the affected person are to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected

Testing: Staff / pupils who develop symptoms should be tested. Testing is most sensitive within 3 days of symptoms developing. Guidelines on who can get tested and how to arrange for a test can be found in the [COVID-19: getting tested guidance](#).

Go to www.nhs.uk/coronavirus to book a mail-order or drive-through test or call 119 if they have no internet access.

Self-Isolation: The rules on self-isolation vary depending on whether or not you or someone in your household has symptoms. You should read and follow the guidance here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/howlong-to-self-isolate/>

Appendix 1

Information for parents and carers on suspected COVID-19 (coronavirus) in a child

WHEN TO SUSPECT COVID-19 IN YOUR CHILD:

if they develop symptoms of a new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Do not send your child to school or childcare setting. Inform the setting through absence reporting

If your child develops symptoms at the childcare setting, they will be separated from others, and will **be sent home**

If your child (or anyone in your household) has symptoms they must arrange a test **as soon as possible** and isolate at home for **10 days** from date of onset of symptoms (or until they receive a negative result). Everyone else in the household who does not have symptoms must isolate at home for 14 days (or until the symptomatic household member receives a negative result)

Arrange for a coronavirus test for anyone in your household with symptoms either online via www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call NHS testing line on 119. The test must be done within **five days** of when symptoms start. Ensure you know who to contact with the results in the school/childcare setting if the results are received outside usual working hours

You will be offered a test at your closest drive-through centre. This is the quickest option. A parent or carer will need to perform the test on children under 12 years old. If you don't drive, you can request a home test kit. **Do not** get a taxi or public transport to the test centre

Result of test (you will receive this by email or text message)

NEGATIVE

Child/staff member can return to setting once well, unless they are a contact of a case, when they will need to complete 14 days self-isolation

If your child is identified as having been in contact with a confirmed case, they will need to self-isolate for 14 days, even if they have had a negative test result. If they develop symptoms, they should isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms, arrange testing and follow the flowchart above

For medical advice call NHS 111, or in an emergency call 999

POSITIVE

Inform the school or childcare setting as soon as possible even if outside opening hours. The child's close contacts within the school will be advised to self-isolate for 14 days

Ensure the child who has tested positive completes the **10 day** isolation period (from date of onset of symptom)*. Household members without symptoms should complete 14 days isolation

NHS Test & Trace will send you a text or email alert or call you with instructions of how to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited

*If the child is a confirmed case they can return to the childcare setting/school after 10 days. If they still have a temperature, diarrhoea or are being sick they should wait until 48 hours after these symptoms stop. If the child does not develop symptoms, but lives in a household with someone who has tested positive, they can return to setting after completing 14 days self-isolation at home

For general information about COVID-19 please go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>