



# OLDFIELD SCHOOL

Ref: Headteacher/Update

19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to remind you about the procedures in place for reporting COVID-19 related information to the school.

It is essential that we are informed if your child has any coronavirus symptoms as soon as you are aware of them and that your son or daughter does not attend school unless they have had a negative test result. The NHS online tool is the most effective way for you to make an assessment as to whether your child should have a test, so please make use of this. If a member of your household has coronavirus symptoms then your son or daughter cannot come to school until that person has a negative test result. You must inform the school of the test result, whether positive or negative and should do so by emailing [enquiries@oldfieldschool.com](mailto:enquiries@oldfieldschool.com) which is checked daily including weekends.

I am aware that in some schools parents have sent their children to school pending a test result for someone in their household being returned and that the result has then been positive. You will appreciate that we want to ensure that this does not happen at Oldfield School. Could I also ask that you follow the government guidance with regards to maintaining social distancing and avoiding close contact with people outside of your household.

The quick reference guide for parents is available in the COVID-19 section on the school website, this provides a summary of responses to the most frequently answered questions about COVID-19.

I have been asked to clarify whether we will be informing parents every time that a child is reported to have coronavirus symptoms. We will not be doing this as this would mean that we would be contacting parents in each year groups on a daily basis. I recognise that some parents may want to know if a child in a year group has symptoms; however, this would mean sending a message to this effect almost every day to all year groups. There would be a danger that parents and students would become complacent and only remain vigilant for symptoms in their household if an alert comes from the school. Given this, the best approach is to ask that parents are vigilant all of the time; in our view there should be no differentiation with regards to the level of alertness based on information from school about children who have symptoms.

We will, of course, inform parents immediately if we are informed of a positive case amongst staff or students and work with Public Health England to implement tracing procedures in school.



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Thank you for your continued support in what are difficult and uncertain times for us all.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Mackay  
**Headteacher**