

Parents/Carers

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Director of Education

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Dear Parent/Carer,


We are now several weeks into the Autumn school term which I really hope has gone well for you and your child/children. I am writing to keep you updated on the position regarding COVID19 in the borough and in schools in particular. As you know, the government have issued guidance advising schools to relax many of the measures we used last year to reduce infection. As you know and has been reported in the media, there are still many cases of COVID19 in schools and the community. This does mean that some schools may need to bring back some protective measures to contain any spread of the virus. This will vary from school to school as things such as ventilation options will be different, school sites are different, and some schools have extensive play areas and some don't. Schools may do some of the following:

- Change assembly arrangements to reduce mixing of children across classes
- Change break and lunchtime arrangements to reduce social mixing
- Have staggered start and end of day arrangements (some schools have found this a positive benefit and have chosen to keep this)
- Reintroduce mask wearing in communal areas (but not in lessons)
- Reintroduce bubbles if needed
- Move to remote learning for classes/year groups if necessary but only as a last resort due to a high level of COVID19 cases

Vaccines are being offered to children at secondary school who are between the ages of 12 to 15 and I am sure you will shortly or have already been contacted about the arrangements for this by your school.

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As a reminder, please see below general information regarding COVID

### **General COVID information**

#### **Symptoms**

- a high temperature
- 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 sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you are not sure whether you or your child's symptoms suggest that they have coronavirus or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If you are concerned about your child's health or the health of anyone else in your household please seek advice from your GP, use NHS 111 online <https://111.nhs.uk/> or call NHS 111.

#### **There are things you can do to reduce the risk of getting COVID-19:**

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get to your destination
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely,



Peter Nathan  
Director of Education



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