



DITCHAM PARK SCHOOL

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Covid-19 Protocols for Staff and Pupils

Although we hope the major peaks of COVID have now passed and the days of remote learning and national lockdowns are a thing of the past, we do need to be ready for the inevitable winter illnesses and COVID outbreaks which will hit our school this year. Please refer to the following guidance if you are feeling unwell.

Please be aware of the common Symptoms of Covid-19

- a high temperature or shivering
- a new continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked nose or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

STAFF GUIDANCE

There is no expectation to test for COVID, which should now be treated like any other respiratory illness. That said, some of you may still have test kits at home and choose to test, so the guidance has been split into two parts. Firstly, guidance for a member of staff with COVID symptoms who has not tested, and the second a set of guidance for a member of staff who has tested positive for COVID

- What to do if you have COVID symptoms, but have not tested.

If you are unwell and are suffering from some of the common COVID symptoms, stay at home. You should return to work when you feel better and are ready to resume your normal school duties.

- What to do if you have COVID symptoms, and have tested positive for COVID.

Stay at home for five days from the day of your positive test. After five days, you should return to work as soon as you feel well enough to resume your normal school duties.

If during the five day period you feel well enough to do so, you should provide work for your pupils remotely.

PUPIL GUIDANCE

There is no expectation to test for COVID, which should now be treated like any other respiratory illness. That said, some pupils may still have test kits at home and choose to test, so the guidance has been split into two parts. Firstly, guidance for a pupil with COVID symptoms who has not

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- What to do if they have COVID symptoms, but have not tested.

If they are unwell and are suffering from some of the common COVID symptoms, they should stay at home. They should return to school when they feel better and are ready to attend.

- What to do if they have COVID symptoms, and have tested positive for COVID.

Stay at home for three days from the day of their positive test. After three days, they should return to school as soon as they feel well enough to attend.

As a general rule we will not set work for a pupil who is ill at home with Covid. Online lessons will not be provided, except under exceptional circumstances.