

Rothwell Alliance Partnership

Rothwell schools working together for our children and their families.



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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Governors

Re: Coronavirus Update

Following the announcements yesterday, the Government has updated its guidance on when you should self-isolate and confirmed that they are not currently planning to close schools. This is sent on behalf of all the schools in the Rothwell Alliance Partnership.

The new advice is as follows:

If you have: **a new continuous cough OR high temperature (37.8 degrees or higher) you should stay at home for 7 days.**

If you or your child have the above symptoms, please self-isolate and **do not come to the school site**. Contact with school regarding self-isolation should be done via telephone. If your child is self-isolated due to these symptoms, they will be receive a 'Y' code on the register: 'Unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances'.

Please note that if you choose to keep your child away from school simply as a precaution, without them having the above symptoms, school are unable to authorise this absence.

The latest NHS advice is that if you have symptoms, **do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital**. You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home. Read the [NHS advice about staying at home](#).

In response to some questions raised by parents today, the majority of our hygiene measures will focus on children/staff using soap and water to wash their hands. Hand sanitiser will only be used when normal handwashing facilities are harder to access. We appreciate that extra handwashing/use of hand sanitiser can cause discomfort to children with sensitive skin and we will work with individual families as needed to address this. Please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office.

If anything changes, please rest assured that we will contact you with further information,

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Mrs Harris