



It is vitally important that no one displaying symptoms of COVID attends school or nursery.

If your child or anyone in your household is showing ANY of the symptoms of COVID, they should organise a COVID test. All members of the household must stay at home until you receive a negative test result. Only the person with symptoms should have a COVID test.

Please call us on 01642 817713 if anyone in your household is taking a COVID test.

Negative test results should also be emailed to whinneybanks@mcschools.org.uk or shown to the reception staff before your child can return to school.

If the test of the person with symptoms is positive then the person who has tested positive for Covid must isolate for 10 days and everyone else in the house must isolate for 14 days.

Please make school aware of any positive test in your household as soon as possible.

Isolation means you should stay at home. Do not go to work, go out shopping or take your children to school or nursery. You will need to make arrangements for family or friends to help out. You should not socialise or have any visitors to your home.

Testing is available locally. Anyone with any of the coronavirus symptoms is advised to book a test online www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test or by calling **119**.

For further information about Covid, please call 111 or go to www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Your child should attend school unless:

- Anyone in your household is displaying COVID symptoms
- They have been in close contact with anyone displaying COVID symptoms

The symptoms of COVID are any of the following:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature);
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.