



GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

The last 6 months have undoubtedly been a challenging time for us all. However, we are thrilled to be able to open our doors to all of our students from September.

We understand that this may create some anxiety amongst families and I want to assure you that the safety and well-being of our students is, and always will be, of paramount importance.

All schools will be following the Department for Education and the Lancashire County Council's expectations for attendance. However, it is vital that you contact school with any concerns you may have regarding attendance and we will do our best to ensure the appropriate support is in place.

Below is some additional information from the Department for Education about school attendance from September:

From the start of the autumn term 2020 pupil attendance will be mandatory and the usual rules on attendance will apply.

Although school attendance is mandatory from the start of the autumn term, there are some circumstances where pupils cannot attend school due to coronavirus (COVID-19).

Pupils who are required to self-isolate as they, or a member of their household, has symptoms or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19)

Pupils who have symptoms should self-isolate and get a test.

- If a pupil tests negative and if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating and return to school.
- If a pupil tests positive, they should continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms. They should only return to school if they do not have symptoms other than a cough or loss of sense of smell or taste

If someone in the pupil's household has symptoms, the household should self-isolate and the member of their household should get a test.



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- If the member of the household tests negative, the pupil can stop self-isolating and can return to school.
- If the household member tests positive, the pupil should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days from when the member of their household first had symptoms.

Pupils who are required to self-isolate because they are a close contact of someone who has symptoms or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19)

Pupils may not have symptoms themselves but may be required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone with coronavirus (COVID-19).

- The NHS test and trace guidance states that a person should self-isolate for 14 days if they have had recent close contact with a person who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).

Please can I ask that In all cases of self-isolation, you inform school immediately about the outcome of a test.

Other potential factors to consider in the future are:

Pupils who are clinically extremely vulnerable and the introduction of stricter local lockdowns. We will of course update you of any changes on a regular basis.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and as mentioned above, please do not hesitate to contact school with any concerns you may have.

Yours sincerely

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