



St. Nicholas C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I hope you received the message I sent yesterday with details from Blackpool Council regarding their 'low threshold' for children displaying symptoms relating to COVID19.

I wanted to write today to give you more clarity on the procedures school has in place and information to help make the coming weeks and months easier for both our families and school.

Yesterday we sent a list of symptoms from the World Health Organisation as detailed below:

Most common symptoms:

- fever
- dry cough
- tiredness

Less common symptoms:

- aches and pains
- sore throat
- diarrhoea
- conjunctivitis
- headache
- loss of taste or smell
- a rash on skin, or discolouration of fingers or toes

Serious symptoms:

- difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- chest pain or pressure
- loss of speech or movement

Should your child present with any of these symptoms at school or at home, we ask that you keep your child at home, isolating for 10 days. We recommend getting a COVID19 test – I know this is difficult at the moment, but I am assured that Blackpool is actively trying to access more testing kits every day. Once your child has a negative result, we ask you show this to school and your child can return to school immediately.

If your child should need to isolate, class teachers will provide work daily on the Class Dojo platform. This will be inside the individual child's portfolio.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, school will provide food parcels for pupils who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals and who are not in attendance because they:

- are self-isolating
- have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves
- are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19)
- are not attending as a result of local lockdown arrangements

Parents must contact school and arrange collection at a mutually agreeable time.

If any child / staff member should test positive, school will respond according to government guidance and work with Public Health. We would initially inform any year groups affected on ParentApp – it is crucial that all parents have access to the app to ensure timely communication from school. If you have any queries, please contact the school office or you can email me directly on head@st-nicholas.blackpool.sch.uk

Many thanks for your patience and understanding in these unprecedented times.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Taylor

Headteacher