



# St. Patrick's R.C. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to make you aware of the very latest information and guidelines supplied to schools from The Department for Education with regard to the isolation period for pupils who are showing symptoms of the Covid-19 virus. I also seek to give clarity when and if you are required to keep your child(ren) off school.

**If your child is displaying or you inform us that your child has:**

- A new and persistent cough
- Fever/high temperature
- A loss or change in their normal sense of taste or smell

**We will ask you to:**

- Ensure your child and all siblings are isolated for a period of at least ten days from the start of the symptoms
- Get your child symptomatic child tested and inform school immediately of the results.

If the test is positive the child must isolate for 10 days and all household members must isolate for 14 days from the start of the symptoms – school will inform any other children that need to isolate. The child will not be able to return to the school site for any reason until the 10 days or 14 days is complete and provided they do not continue to have any symptoms, in particular a raised temperature.

If the test is negative and your child feels well and no longer has symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating and return to school. All siblings can return too at this point if they are symptom free.

General cold-like symptoms are very common at this time of the year. If your child is not displaying COVID-19 symptoms but has other cold-like symptoms such as a sore throat or a runny nose, they do not need to self-isolate or take a COVID-19 test. Your support and cooperation is much appreciated as we work together to provide the children with the very best education we can whilst keeping everybody as safe as possible.

May Christ be seen in us.

Yours sincerely

*S Williams*

Mr S Williams  
Headteacher



All members of the St. Patrick's R.C. Primary School share a responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and have a duty to follow the procedures approved by the Local Safeguarding Children Board and take appropriate action if they have concerns about a child's welfare. Please find link to Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board's Procedures (<http://www.teescpp.org.uk> )