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Dear Parent/Carer,



In the light of yesterday's news, please talk to your child about ensuring they are **following national guidance outside of school**. We have had a number of recent reports about pupils hugging and ignoring social distancing rules. Please remember '**Hands, Face, Space**' in order to keep the whole community safe. If we get reports and are able to identify children breaking the rules, they will have to be brought into school to ensure the safety of everyone. This is clear in the Covid Safety Contract.



**The guidance has changed concerning household members with symptoms** and I attach the updated guidance with the changes in yellow. Please ensure you read this.



Please also remember that we change from **Show My Homework to Google Classroom from next week** and you need to ensure your child is set up as per the letter from the Quality of Education Team. Please contact Mr Gallacher - [rgallacher@heathcote.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:rgallacher@heathcote.waltham.sch.uk) if you need further help and support.



All the best

Emma Hillman



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## Coronavirus-related absences guide

If you have more than one child, this relates to all siblings too

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
...my child has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate</li> <li>• Get a test</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about positive test result</li> </ul>	... the test comes back negative and you have no symptoms
...my child has coronavirus symptoms in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Child will need to be collected from school</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate</li> <li>• Get a test</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about positive test result</li> </ul>	... the test comes back negative and you have no symptoms
...my child tests positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate for at least 10 days</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about positive test result</li> </ul>	...they feel better. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
...somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate</li> <li>• Household member to get a test</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test result</li> <li>• Self-isolate for 14 days or days from the onset of symptoms if you can't get a test</li> </ul>	...the household member test is negative and nobody in the household has any symptoms
...somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate for 14 days from the onset of symptoms</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation and has no symptoms
...NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close/direct contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate for 14 days from the onset of symptoms</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation and has no symptoms

<p>...we/my child travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</b></li> <li>• <b>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</b></li> <li>• <b>Provide information to school as per attendance policy</b></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	<p>...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed and you have no symptoms</p>
<p>...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>• Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.</p>
<p>...my child has a negative test but is still too ill to come to school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school</b></li> </ul>	<p>...when illness subsides</p>