

People Directorate

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Dear Parent/Carer

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Last week our young people were introduced to a new way of being in school. Increased hand washing and sanitising procedures, new entry and exit routines and opportunities to physical distance, as well as, an introduction to their new class took priority as they returned to the school building. Young people and staff coped admirably during our phased return and we continue to reinforce our new ways of working.

This week our school returned to full capacity. It is of critical importance that we ensure the safety of our school community and, it is with this in mind, I would like to highlight the following to you:

REPORTING ILLNESS

Your child should not attend school if they are unwell. Under the current circumstances, I would ask that you exercise caution should your child report to you that they are feeling unwell. In particular, you should look out for the following:

COVID-19 Symptoms

- high temperature $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$
- new continuous cough
- loss of (or change in) sense of smell or taste

If your child displays any of the symptoms above they should **not** attend school. If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 while in school, a ventilated space will be made available until they can be collected. If your child has had contact with a family/community member with symptoms they should **not** attend school. If displaying symptoms you can arrange for them to be tested using this link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> Family members should also self-isolate until the test results are confirmed. If your child tests positive, close contacts will be traced through the national Test and Protect scheme and they would advise you what to do.

I am aware that other seasonal illnesses such as colds/flu/gastric flu etc will occur. In these instances our usual reporting and absence procedures should be followed. When contacting the school, you may be asked a number of questions in relation to your child's illness to ensure the safety of our school community.

As mentioned previously, I would ask that you err on the side of caution in relation to illness at this time.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elaine Harrigan".

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