

Attendance Addendum September 2020

All children are to attend school unless:

- They are self-isolating as they have a confirmed case of COVID
- They are contacted by NHS track and Trace and advised to isolate
- They have been told by a medical professional that they should not attend school as they or someone in their household are clinically vulnerable or extremely clinically vulnerable, in these cases written confirmation is required.
- They have a medical appointment (where written evidence is required, an appointment card is acceptable for this)
- They have another illness that would usually require them to stay off school.
- They are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19

No-one with symptoms should attend school for any reason.

Symptoms are:

- A new and persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of taste and/or smell.

If your child develops any of the above symptoms they should self-isolate immediately for two weeks and be booked in for a test as soon as possible. The results of the test should be communicated to school as soon as it has been received. It is crucial that this is done as it may be required for groups of pupils to isolate if another student receives a positive test.

The nearest testing centre to school is currently Haydock Park Racecourse. For more information on this please access the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test-essential-workers>

Families should notify school as normal if their child is unable to attend for any of the above reasons so that staff can explore the reason with them and address barriers together.

Parents will be contacted through our usual Truancy call system if a child is not in school when we expect them to be.

Sending a pupil home

If a pupil shows any signs of recognised symptoms of COVID-19, they will be isolated immediately. Parents will be contacted straight away and will be expected to make arrangements to collect their child as soon as possible. It is important to safeguard the rest of the children and staff in school. Parents should then ensure that the child and the rest of the household self-isolate for 14 days and the child should be tested for Covid-19. The result should be communicated to the school as soon as it has been received.