

Information for parents and carers on suspected COVID-19 (coronavirus) in a child

WHEN TO SUSPECT COVID-19 IN YOUR CHILD:

if they develop symptoms of a new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Do not send your child to school or childcare setting. Inform the setting through absence reporting

If your child develops symptoms at the childcare setting, they will be separated from others, and will **be sent home**

If your child (or anyone in your household) has symptoms they must arrange a test **as soon as possible** and isolate at home for **10 days** from date of onset of symptoms (or until they receive a negative result). Everyone else in the household who does not have symptoms must isolate at home for 14 days (or until the symptomatic household member receives a negative result)

Arrange for a coronavirus test for anyone in your household with symptoms either online via www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call NHS testing line on 119. The test must be done within **five days** of when symptoms start. Ensure you know who to contact with the results in the school/childcare setting if the results are received outside usual working hours

You will be offered a test at your closest drive-through centre. This is the quickest option. A parent or carer will need to perform the test on children under 12 years old. If you don't drive, you can request a home test kit. **Do not** get a taxi or public transport to the test centre

Result of test (you will receive this by email or text message)

NEGATIVE

Child/staff member can return to setting once well, unless they are a contact of a case, when they will need to complete 14 days self-isolation

If your child is identified as having been in contact with a confirmed case, they will need to self-isolate for 14 days, even if they have had a negative test result. If they develop symptoms, they should isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms, arrange testing and follow the flowchart above

For medical advice call NHS 111, or in an emergency call 999

POSITIVE

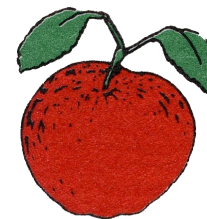
Inform the school or childcare setting as soon as possible even if outside opening hours. The child's close contacts within the school will be advised to self-isolate for 14 days

Ensure the child who has tested positive completes the **10 day** isolation period (from date of onset of symptom)*. Household members without symptoms should complete 14 days isolation

NHS Test & Trace will send you a text or email alert or call you with instructions of how to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited

*If the child is a confirmed case they can return to the childcare setting/school after 10 days. If they still have a temperature, diarrhoea or are being sick they should wait until 48 hours after these symptoms stop. If the child does not develop symptoms, but lives in a household with someone who has tested positive, they can return to setting after completing 14 days self-isolation at home

For general information about COVID-19 please go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>



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Dear Parents/Carer

A huge welcome back to all of our families here at Isaac Newton! It's been a real pleasure to see all of our children back in school again and already working so hard. Over the past few days, I've also very much enjoyed meeting many of our new pupils and their families in and around school. I hope that you are all beginning to settle in here at Isaac Newton and would like to take this opportunity to wish you a warm welcome.



Sitting here, I cannot believe that my last newsletter to you all was dated 13th March- so much has happened and changed for us all since then! Of course we are now all adapting to the 'new normal' and living with the impact of the Covid-19. As a result, our return back to school left us with a few 'hurdles' to overcome. It has been a huge effort by the school staff to ensure that we have been able to return safely and I would like to thank all of them for their hard work and commitment during this time.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all of our Parents/Carers. You have been patient, understanding

and supportive during our re-opening and have respected the new rules and systems that we have put into place to try and keep everyone safe. We have not yet got a perfect system but we feel that each day we are able to make things better and better- especially with drop-offs and pick-ups.

Finally, I must say that all of the children here at Isaac Newton have made me immensely proud in the way that they have handled our return. They have adjusted so quickly to new rules and expectations (and lots of handwashing) and we have thoroughly enjoyed having them all back with us here. I have included some pictures this week so that you can see for yourselves how much we have all enjoyed being back!



Chris Heathcote

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Headteacher



School Values

At the start of the last academic year we decided to re-visit our school values. Our school value should be part of the ‘fabric’ of our school and run through every aspect of school life. We found that these needed updating and with the help of all our staff and pupils, we came up with some new ones.

Respect- To treat others as we would want to be treated, making sure that we are understanding of those who are different to ourselves.

Pride- To feel good about ourselves and to take pride in our work and our school- be proud to be part of Isaac Newton!

Responsibility- To take ownership of our actions and be responsible for making the right choices and the impact that they have on others.

We will be talking to the children lots about these at school as well as linking them into our assemblies- we will choose a different value each term to be our theme. This term’s theme is **responsibility**.

We also created a new mission statement which shows what we want to try and achieve as a school and is simply for us all

“To be the best that we can be in everything that we do”.

PE Kit
Please can all Parents/ Carers ensure that children have the correct school PE kit. This is as follows:

- Indoor: a plain/school black t-shirt, black sports shorts and a pair of plimsolls.
- Outdoor: The above, a pair of jogging bottoms and a hoodless warm sweater.

All PE sessions are outdoors for the time being, so please ensure that children have the correct kit- especially when the weather begins to turn.

Year groups will have PE on the following days:

- Tuesday – Class 1 (EYFS), Year 1 and Year 5
- Wednesday – Year 4 and Year 2
- Thursday – Year 3 and Year 6
- Friday – Class 2 (EYFS)

Please can children come into school wearing their PE kit- currently they do not need to get changed and can remain in their kit all day. Earrings must be removed for health and safety reasons so please ensure that children are not wearing earrings on a PE day, otherwise we will need to call you to come in and remove them. Thank you.

Kindness- To think of others before ourselves especially those who are in need. Be thoughtful, friendly and considerate to all members of our community.

Resilience- To always try our best and to keep on going even when things get hard- learning only begins when we are not able to do something!

Inhalers
As a school we take the administration of medicines extremely seriously. All children who need to bring inhalers to school should also bring the box for the inhaler with them. This will have the sticker from the surgery on the side and ensures that we have all of the information that we need should there be an emergency. You will also need to check that the inhaler is “in date”. If your child needs an inhaler and you have not let us know then please inform us immediately.

Free School Meals Applications
If you think that your child may be entitled to receive free school meals, then you are now required to apply for this online through Lincolnshire County Council. The link is: <https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>
If you would like a guide to completing this process, please collect this from the school reception.

Birthday Treats
Unfortunately we are not able to allow children to bring in cake or sweets on their birthday to share with their class. We are trying to limit the amount of items that pass between home and school due to Covid-19. Thank you for your support and apologies for any disappointment.

Covid Symptoms
Attached to this newsletter is a useful diagram to support you taking the right steps if you think that your child has Covid-19 symptoms. You will also see below, a diagram describing what to do if someone in your family gets sick and has a positive test.

Please ensure that you phone the school immediately to let us know if your child is displaying symptoms. Children should NOT attend school if this is the case. We will then ask that you take a test as soon as possible and let us know the outcome once you receive it.

E-Schools
Another letter should have gone home with your child this week regarding downloading the E-Schools app. This app will help us to ensure that we can communicate messages to you quickly, for example, if we need to close a class. It will also help us to keep you up-to-date with changes within school.

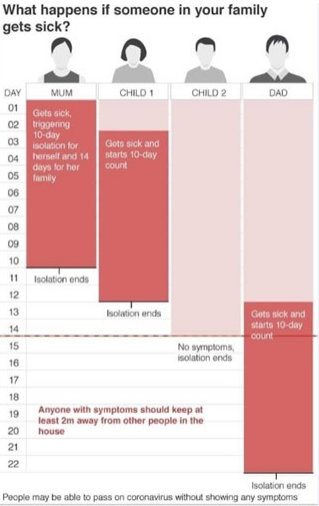
Please can we ask all Parents/Carers to download the app on their smartphone or device as soon as possible. Thank you to all those parents who have already done so- we will be looking to get the app up running over the next few weeks.

If you have any problems with the app or setting up your account then please email enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk. Mr Hearn will then be able to support you with this. If you have siblings in school then you will need to use the ‘add account’ section of the app for each child. Once set up you can then switch between children in the app.

TikTok
We have been made aware of an inappropriate video which is currently circulating on TikTok. Despite the age restrictions for the platform meaning that children under 13 years cannot legally have an account we are aware that some children do access it regularly. Please check your children’s devices and ensure you speak to them about what they should do if they come across inappropriate content or videos that worry/scare them.

School would advise that no child under 13 years old has access to TikTok.

Late Arrivals
If you arrive late and the front gate is shut or there is no adult at your child’s entrance/ exit door then please bring your child to the school office- **do not under any circumstances enter the school building by yourself**. We appreciate that sometimes things can happen and you can be delayed so if you think that you may be late either call or come to the school office and we will be able to direct you.



Social Distancing Around School
Please can we ask Parents/Carers to ensure that they sticking to the 2m social distancing rule when on or around the school site. To make this easier we have created a one way system around school. Please ensure that this is followed- particularly around the basketball court area. We will be putting a ramp up on the steps and also a path across the field very shortly to make this more accessible. If you are unsure about how our one way system works then please speak to a member of staff.

There are a number of other things that you can also do to help us with ensuring social distancing:

- Please arrive at the correct time slot. **Many parents are arriving too early at the end of the day** and this causes congestion, particularly by the basketball court area.
- If you have children in classes 8, 11, 12, 13 or 14 then please try and collect these children first before moving to the other side of the school to collect siblings. This will help with the flow of traffic.
- Ensure that no more than one Parent/Carer enters the school site.
- If your child is old enough then consider letting them walk in and out of school by themselves. If you are not comfortable with this then alternately they could enter and leave the **classroom** by themselves and then you can arrange to meet them on or near to the school site. This will help us to avoid congestion outside of classrooms (particularly by the basketball courts). Please inform the office or your child’s teacher if you would like them to do either of the above and make sure that you continue to follow to our agreed timing.

School Term Dates:	
Term 1:	Thursday 3 rd September 2020 – Thursday 22 nd October 2020
Term 2:	Monday 2 nd November 2020 - Thursday 17 th December 2020
<i>Bank Holidays:</i>	<i>Friday 25th & Monday 28th December 2020, Friday 1st January 2021</i>
Term 3:	Monday 4 th January 2021 - Friday 12 th February 2021
Term 4:	Monday 22 nd February 2021 - Wednesday 31 st March 2021
<i>Bank Holidays:</i>	<i>Good Friday 2nd April & Easter Monday 5th April 2021</i>
Term 5:	Monday 19 th April 2021 - Friday 28 th May 2021
<i>Bank Holidays:</i>	<i>Monday 3rd May & Monday 31st May 2021</i>
Term 6:	Monday 7 th June 2021 - Wednesday 21 st July 2021