



CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What to do if...	Action Needed	Your child cannot return to school until
...your child has coronavirus symptom(s).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child must not come to College. • You must advise the College of the symptom(s) of your child. • Your child (and your household) must self-isolate. • Your child must have a test within 24 hours. • You must advise the College of the results. • You must update the College every 3 days thereafter 	<p><i>after</i> your child has received a negative test result <u>and</u> you have advised the College of the result, Or <i>after</i> your child has self-isolated for 10 days from when your child's symptoms started. (Your child must not return to College before the 10 days have elapsed unless a negative test result has been received).</p>
...your child tests positive for coronavirus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child must not come to College. • You must advise the College of the test outcome as soon as possible. • Self-isolate for a further 10 days from test result 	<p><i>after</i> 10 days (if s/he feels well enough) even if s/he still has a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last even when the virus has gone and the person is no longer infectious.</p>
...somebody in your household has coronavirus symptom(s).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child must not come to College. • Your child (and your household) must self-isolate. • The household member must have a test within 24 hours • You must advise the College of the results. 	<p><i>after</i> the household member has received a negative test result <u>and</u> you have advised the College of the result, Or <i>after</i> your child has self-isolated for 14 days from when your household member's symptoms started, unless your child becomes symptomatic – then please follow the guidance as above.</p>
...somebody in your household has tested positive for coronavirus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child must not come to College. • Your child (and your household) must self-isolate for 14 days. 	<p><i>after</i> your child has self-isolated for 14 days from when your household member's symptoms started, unless your child becomes symptomatic – then please follow the guidance as above.</p>
...NHS have identified your child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms/confirmed coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child must not come to College. • Your child must self-isolate for 14 days. 	<p><i>after</i> your child has self-isolated for 14 days, unless your child becomes symptomatic – then please follow the guidance as above</p>
...you have received medical advice that your child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child must not come to College. • You must provide evidence to College pertaining to the shielding. • Once shielding restrictions are lifted/paused, you must inform pastoral staff of the day your child will return to school 	<p><i>after</i> the shielding restriction has been lifted/paused.</p>

Please note: **When a family member tests positive, the whole household must self-isolate for 14 days**
When a family member has symptoms the whole household must isolate until a negative test result is received or for 14 days, providing they do not become symptomatic.
Absence from school under these circumstances will not count against your child.



How to Obtain a Test:

Parents/Carers can book a test online at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> or by calling 119.

If parents or carers are unable to book a local slot then they can email

d-ccg.cornwalldevon.urgenttesting@nhs.net for advice, each case will be assessed for urgent testing.

To book an appointment or order a home kit, please follow the link: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

How to inform the College of the outcome of your child's Coronavirus (Covid 19) symptom(s)/test to enable your child to return to College

If your child's test is positive, please inform the College as soon as possible by phoning 01326 572685. If the result arrives over the weekend then please email absence@helston.cornwall.sch.uk and someone will ring you back.

Please confirm that your child or household member has received a negative test result by email to absence@helston.cornwall.sch.uk

OR

Complete the form below and instruct your child to hand this to reception on their arrival at College.

Whilst your child is away from College, if they feel well enough to do so, they can find school work for all subjects by logging into their Google classrooms.

Childs Name:	Tutor Group:
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The earliest date your child can return to College is:	
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I can confirm that the above named child or household member has received a negative coronavirus test result.

Parent/Carer Signature:	Date:
Please print your full name:	