



St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

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Procedure for dealing with illness

Post 1st September 2021, consideration is still required for when a child may become ill whilst at school. The response offered by the school largely depends on the symptoms displayed by the child and whether there is reason to believe that he or she may be Covid symptomatic.

If a child displays any of the main symptoms of Corona Virus, parents will be contacted as the child must be sent home and advised to seek a PCR test. If a parent does not seek a PCR test, the child will not be permitted to return to school for 10 days.

The main symptoms remain:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Once a child leaves the classroom his/her workstation will be cleaned appropriately (staff member)

Whilst the child is awaiting collection, they should be isolated in the **THRIVE** Room. Please inform the office that a phone call needs to be made home as their child is poorly. Please let the office staff know the symptoms being displayed.

If the child is not too distressed they can stay in the room whilst the member of staff supervises through the screen. If the child needs assistance and you need to enter the room, thus reducing the distance you can maintain, please wear PPE. There will be a bag located in the room and in Mrs Royle's room. You may take the PPE from the classroom where the child has been removed. You must inform Mrs Royle if you used the PPE from the classroom so this can be replaced. It is staff's responsibility to ensure that they have a bag of PPE in their classrooms at all times.

If the child needs to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, **they should use the large staff toilet (no internal door)**. A sign will be put on the door stating it is out of use and MB/JD will be informed via school office. The toilet will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.

Parents will be asked to collect the child from the main entrance without entering the building. The member of staff should remove PPE appropriately and double bag it securely making it ready for disposal. Bags must be marked with the date / time and stored in the lockable waste disposal area marked Covid waste. They should then follow hygiene protocols around handwashing etc. The member of staff may resume their normal duties. Following a period of 72, the bag will be safely disposed of in the general waste. The THRIVE area will then be thoroughly cleaned before it can be used again.