



QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Now that our students are back at school full time, I just wanted to write to you to thank you for all your support and understanding over the last few days. It has been delightful to welcome our students back again, see their smiley faces and get back to 'face to face' learning in the classroom.

We are working hard to ensure that the school remains Covid secure and I just wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some clear guidance and support to inform decision making over the coming weeks.

As a reminder, the main symptoms of Covid-19 are:

- New continuous cough and/or
- Fever (temperature of 37.8C or higher)
- Loss of or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Children may also display gastrointestinal symptoms.

What if my child has any of the symptoms above?

If you have a concern that your child or a member of your household is displaying any one or more of the symptoms above, please ensure they do not attend school. Please notify us that your child is self-isolating with other household members, arrange for them to get tested and continue to self-isolate as a household until the result comes back.

If the test result is positive, please notify the school immediately, we will then identify any school contacts and notify them of the need to self-isolate. Your child will need to continue to self-isolate for 10 days from the start of their symptoms and all other contacts will need to self-isolate for 14 days.

What if my child falls ill at school?

If your child becomes unwell at school with any of the symptoms described above, they will be assessed by a First Aider (wearing full PPE) in a specifically designated area of school where they can be isolated behind a closed door (The Coding Room). You will receive a phone call from school to ask for your child to be collected as a matter of urgency from the East End car park (please drive to the far end of school, the car park entrance is opposite the University of Chester Business School). You will be strongly advised to get your child tested.

Could you please ensure that we have an up to date contact number for yourself just in case we need to get hold of you urgently – you can check your contact details via EduLink and amend as necessary.

How do I get my child tested?

You can get your child tested via [NHS UK](#) or contacting NHS 119 via telephone if you do not have internet access. Alternatively a new walk-in Covid-19 testing centre has just opened in Chester on the Little Roodee car park on Grosvenor Road in the city centre. It is open from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week. Appointments can be booked as indicated above or there is also the option to simply turn up

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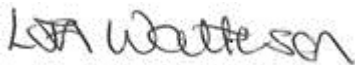
for a free walk up test. People are being encouraged to arrive on foot or by bike as there is no free parking available. People who have symptoms are also advised not to use public transport and to wear a face covering, as well as bringing some form of ID.

Currently we are fortunate in the fact that we do not have any confirmed cases of Covid-19 among the students or staff at QPHS. Should this situation change, I would like to reassure you that we will directly contact any students affected. If you are not contacted, you can be assured that your child is not a direct or close contact and will therefore not be required to self-isolate and can continue to attend school as normal.

Please do not hesitate to contact us during the school day should you have any concerns about your child or if you need some further advice. We have also set up an emergency e-mail address which will be monitored out of hours should you need to contact us urgently in connection to anything Covid-19 related - emergency@qphs.co.uk

As you are aware, the guidance and rules around Covid-19 continue to change nationally and at local levels. I will ensure that you are kept up to date and will write to you again as needed. Thank you for your continued support and caution as we work together to ensure that we can keep each other safe.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "L. Watterson".

Miss Lyndsay Watterson
Headteacher

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What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
...my child has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school • Self-isolate • Get a test • Inform school immediately about test result 	...the test comes back negative and your child is feeling better
...my child tests positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Self-isolate for at least 10 days from the 1st day of having symptoms (family to self-isolate for 14 days) • Inform school immediately about test result 	...they feel better. They can return to school after the period of self-isolation even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
...somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school • Self-isolate • Household member to get a test • Inform school immediately about test result 	...the household member test is negative.
...somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school • Self-isolate for 14 days 	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
... NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school • Self-isolate for 14 days • Siblings may still attend school (only the close contact needs to self-isolate) 	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
...we/my child travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term time holidays, including absence as a result of needing to quarantine, are unauthorised. <p><u>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school • Self-isolate for 14 days 	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school as required by the pastoral team • Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.