



Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form



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Dear Parents/Carers

We appreciate the current situation linked to Covid-19 is challenging for everyone. As we have stated previously our main priority is to ensure the safety of students and staff. Numerous control measures have been implemented to reduce the risk of infection.

We wish to clarify the situation regarding when a student will be asked to be collected from school if they are displaying any of the Covid-19 symptoms and the actions to follow as a family.

The Academy Risk Assessment and control measures follow the most recent guidance issued by the Government and are reviewed weekly. The current guidance states that 'Schools must minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school'.

The main symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 or above).
- A new continuous cough (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If a student or staff member at school becomes unwell with any of the above symptoms or displays any of the symptoms, they will be sent home as a precautionary measure.

We request you contact NHS 111 for further advice or seek support using this link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If the NHS advise that the student should return to school, they can return the next day. However, if the symptoms persist in school, the student will be sent home and asked to seek further advice before returning to school. If a student is tested and the result is positive, please inform the school immediately.

A copy of the flow chart was recently sent to you outlining the actions to take if your child displays any of the symptoms (attached – Version 2 15.09.20). A copy is also available on the Academy website.

Thank you for your support in helping us contain the coronavirus.

Yours faithfully

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Flowchart for parents: what to do if someone in your household has symptoms of COVID-19

