

Cavendish High Academy COVID-19 Procedures

As you are all well aware COVID is a dynamic, constantly changing situation. In response guidance has been also been constantly changing and we are aware of how tricky it can be to keep up with it. I am writing to confirm our procedures, should anyone in our school community develop symptoms of COVID.

Anyone who develops symptoms of COVID, or whose household member develops symptoms, should immediately self-isolate. They should not attend school and should follow the steps in the attached table.

What will school will do if a child or member of staff has a test positive test result?

We will:

- Contact the local authority and also Public Health England Contact Tracing Team
- Identify those in school who have had 'direct or close' contacts of the case during 48 hours prior to person falling ill
- Parents of all 'direct and close' contacts will be called and this group will be sent home from school.
- 'Direct and close contacts', including household members, **MUST** isolate for 14 days from the last day of contact.
- Household members of contacts do not have to isolate, unless the contact develops symptoms.
- Contacts and household members will not be tested, unless they have symptoms.
- School will, wherever appropriate and possible, support home learning virtually via google

It is more than ever vitally important that our children attend school, especially as they are engaging with our recovery curriculum. However, it is also important we keep our school as safe as possible, and children with symptoms do not come into school, and spread the infection.

I hope this clarifies the latest guidance, and gives you confidence that we are doing everything possible to ensure the health and safety and well-being of all along with the very best education for our children.

Thank you for all of your support,
Yours sincerely,

Elaine Haver
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