Cambois Primary School

7th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for your continued support over the last few days and our return to school. We have found things are working well but a few tweaks are needed to help us get this even better.

1. dinners please can you order your child’s dinner online. This is taking a lot of time and really is simple for you to do at home on your phone
2. only ring the office if needed and use email
3. if your child is isolating at home please use the information provided via tapestry and Seesaw and at the end of the day share your child’s learning on the agreed platform.

We have assessed our children and it is vital that we continue to educate them remotely in the event of any periods of isolating as some children have fallen significantly behind. your child’s teacher will set work daily in line with what the class are doing via SeeSaw and Tapestry so please help support them to access it.

It’s been said lots recently in the media but it’s worth remembering that we are currently living in unprecedented times where there are lots of new systems in place and our daily lives are being lived out differently. As a school we’re doing our best to adhere to the national guidance given to schools and are trying to operate as safely as possible to welcome children back to school – we need your continued support and patience in working with us to keep Cambois safe for everyone.

Recently there has been some confusion regarding illness and when it is appropriate to send children to school. We understand parent concerns around this issue and we’ve developed this letter to try to clarify when children can/can’t attend school. The information has been put together using government guidance from <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools> and the DFE guidance.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

* a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
* a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
* a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

**If your child has any of the coronavirus symptoms, please do not send them to school.**

If your child does not have any of the above symptoms but is feeling unwell. They may return to school as soon as they feel better.

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| **What to do if…** | **Action needed** | **Return to school when…** |
| …my child has coronavirus symptoms. | * **Do not come to school**
* Self- isolate
* Get a test
* Inform school immediately about test result
 | …the test comes back negative and the child is well enough to return to school. |
| …my child tests positive for coronavirus. | * **Do not come to school**
* Self-isolate for at least 10 days
* Inform school immediately about test result
 | They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste and they feel well enough. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone. |
| …somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms. | * **Do not come to 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 | * **Do not come to school**
* Self-isolate for 14 days.
 | …the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation. |
| …NHS track and trace have identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus | * **Do not come to school**
* Self-isolate for 14 days.
 | …the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation. |
| …we/my child travelled and have to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine | * **Do not come to school**
* Self-isolate for 14 days.
 | …the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.  |

Children are likely to get common colds and other common illnesses over the next few months so please remember to look at the symptoms of the corona virus to help make your decisions.

I know that some parents have been told to drive as far as Carlisle for tests. I understand that this obviously isn’t practical for parents and hopefully more local and postal testing kits will be available. However, in order to do our best to follow the guidance and keep children, staff, parents and the wider community safe, we need to all follow the guidance.

Thank you

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