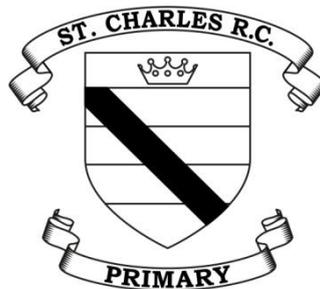


St Charles RC Primary School

COVID-19 Update for Pupil Illness Policy

2020



Our mission at St. Charles RC Primary School is to try and centre our life in Jesus Christ, the spiritual foundation of our community.

We aim to pass on the faith we share in partnership with you.

We want the children in our care to grow and develop to their full potential within a caring Catholic community which recognises fully their true worth and God given talents. We look forward to working with you in a spirit of mutual trust and support.

We take pride belonging to St. Charles RC Primary School.

MISSION STATEMENT

As a family of God, we love to learn and learn to love

Introduction

From 20th March 2020, parent were asked to keep their children at home, wherever possible and for schools to remain open only for those children of workers critical to the COVID-19 response – who absolutely need to attend. From June 1st 2020 some children will return to school.

Key contacts

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Context

From 1st June schools are being asked to reopen in a phased response. There are multiple pieces of government guidance that recognise that younger children struggle to socially distance however they also recognise the need for schools to reopen in a manner that reduces transmission and considers the health and safety implications for all. As a response we are making the following additions to our Pupil Illness Policy.

Absence reporting procedure

We have added a Stop the Spread flow chart to support parents in ensuring they follow correct COVID-19 procedures. See Appendix 1

Decisions regarding attendance or absence

We ask the parents to rethink their decision making about whether a child should attend school. **Our key and most important rule is that you must absolutely NOT send your child to school if they or any member of your household is unwell, no matter how mild the symptoms.** Children sent to school risk us having to close a bubble and sending all the children and staff home in that bubble, leading to a return to home learning. This is our first line of defence and will be strictly adhered to. Any child presenting as unwell will be taken to our medical room to be well cared for without delay where they will await the immediate arrival of a parent/carer.

For your information, recognised COVID-19 symptoms are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough, this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour or 3 more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- Loss of, or change in, your normal sense of smell and taste

Collecting a sick child

We ask that parents support our decision that if we believe a child is displaying symptoms they are collected as quickly as possible.

Equal Opportunities

St Charles RC Primary School has universal ambitions for every child, whatever their background or circumstances. Children learn and thrive when they are healthy, safe and engaged. In order to engage all children, cultural diversity, home languages, gender and religious beliefs are all celebrated.

Our curriculum includes a wide range of texts and other resources which represent the diversity and backgrounds of all our children. We believe in 'valuing what the child brings to school' and recognise the importance of supporting a child's first language, not only to foster self-esteem, but to assist in the learning of English.

Appendix 1: Stop the spread

Stop the spread

Step 1: Symptoms

If your child or any member of the household develops a symptom. Stay at home and book a test. If a child or staff member develops a symptom at school they will be sent home immediately to book a test.



Step 2: Isolation

The person with symptoms stay at home for 14 days and wait the test results. Inform school of the results within 24 hours. If positive child or staff member and rest of household stays at home for 14 days. Rest of bubble are sent home to isolate and receive home learning until results are provided.



Step 3: Negative results

Where the child or staff member tests negative all isolation ends and anyone who was in isolation connected returns to school and work



Step 5: Positive results

If the results are positive the child or staff member remains in isolation alongside their family in accordance with step 2. Rest of bubble continue to stay in isolation for 14 days.



School Actions:

Public Health England will be contacted and the rest of the school can continue as normal due to the social distancing measures. School would be closed if advised to do so by PHE. Classroom used by bubble in isolation will have a deep clean