

Dear Parents and Families,

COVID 19 symptoms, getting a test, isolating and informing the school.

There has been a sharp increase in COVID 19 in schools both locally and nationally in the last few weeks so I am writing to remind you of the procedures around this. I would ask that you are really vigilant on this for the remainder of the term as we are keen to avoid 'bubbles' of children needing to be sent home at short notice if possible.

Symptoms of Coronavirus

If you, your child or anybody you have close contact with has any of these 3 coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, get a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test as soon as possible:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- you've lost your sense of smell or taste or it's changed

You can order a PCR test kit to be sent to your home or book an appointment at a walk-in or drive-through test site.

You can also order a test if you have been close contact with someone e.g. your child has tested positive.

If you have symptoms, you and everyone you live with must immediately [self-isolate](#). Do not leave home until you get your test results except to post a test kit or for a PCR test appointment.

Booking a test

To book a test, please go to <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

You can also call 119 on the phone between 7.00am and 11.00pm.

Contacting the School

If your child is going to have a test, please email us to let us know when they are having their test along with their name and class teacher's name at stmonicas@st-monicas.co.uk

If your child has a positive test result, please email stmonicas@st-monicas.co.uk and let us have the following information as soon as possible with the name of any/each child tested positive:-

- Date symptoms started
- Last date in
- Test date
- Result date

That email address is monitored into the evenings so please do not worry about what time you email to that address.

If you have any questions on this, please call 01908 606966 during school hours or email stmonicas@st-monicas.co.uk

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mr O'Malley

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