

# ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families

## Ref: What to do if your child is unwell

I write to you today to clarify the school's protocol for students who are unwell, including expectations of you as the family, and the steps we will take as a school in case a child arrives or falls ill at school.

If your child is unwell and there is either a chance that they may be contagious (be it with flu-like symptoms, temperature of 37.8C or above, showing possible signs of infection – viral or bacterial, sickness and/or diarrhea or, in light of the Covid-19, with the known symptoms of temperature of 37.8C or above, persistent cough or loss of smell/taste), you must keep your child at home and follow current medical advice. This advice will vary, but for most viruses and bacterial infections will include needing to be symptom-free for 48 hours before returning to school. In the case of suspected Covid-19, the child must self-isolate and be tested.

Any suspected case of Covid-19 must be reported to the school via [covid@abbotsleaschool.co.uk](mailto:covid@abbotsleaschool.co.uk) – this email will be monitored 24/7 during the school year.

Any child arriving at school unwell will be immediately isolated in the First Aid room, the family will be contacted and the child will be sent home, with the family required to collect them without delay. Sadly, neither the school nor the SEND transport will be able to transport the child home in such circumstances.

We have experienced several reports from concerned families and staff today and wish to assure you that we have acted swiftly, safely and in line with the Public Health England Advice.

It is, however, key that we all work together to safeguarding our children, the staff and the wider community, by being even more vigilant than ever before by keeping children that are unwell at home. If their illness is minor, and they recover swiftly, they will return to school and enjoy their learning in no time. If, however, the illness proves to be contagious, such swift action will protect not only them but all those around them.

I know I speak on behalf the whole school community in thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher