



Coronavirus - Pupil Absence - Important Notice for Parents/Carers

If your child has any symptoms of coronavirus they **must not** attend school.

The main symptoms coronavirus are:

- **A high temperature** - This means your child will feel hot to the touch on their chest or back. They will have a temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or above.
- **A new continuous cough** - This means your child will be coughing a lot for more than an hour, or have 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- **A loss or change to the sense of smell or taste** - This means your child may notice that they cannot smell or taste anything, or that things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child develops any of these symptoms you will need to:

1. **Notify the school** immediately by either:
 - Phoning the school office and leaving a message via Option 1
 - emailing us at office@cavendish.hounslow.sch.uk
2. **Arrange for your child to take a coronavirus test.** To find out where and how to access a covid-19 test please refer to <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
3. **Inform school of the result once received.**

When your child has either ended their isolation period or has had a negative test result, you must telephone the school and you will be informed of the arrangements for their return.

Please remember that:

- If anyone in your household displays any of the symptoms of coronavirus the whole household must self-isolate for 14 days
- You can get further advice from <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/> or by calling NHS 111

If your child becomes unwell at school with coronavirus symptoms we will:

- **Look after your child** and isolate them from their class
- **Telephone you** to come and collect them as quickly as possible
- **Ask that you arrange for your child to be tested** and in the meantime isolate your child for 10 days. (Other family members living in the same household will be required to self-isolate for 14 days)

If your child is otherwise unwell and unable to attend school it is very important that you follow our usual absence procedures by notifying us as soon as possible.