

Covid communication 4

8th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now been back at school for six weeks and have developed some clear systems for dealing with suspected Covid symptoms. I am writing to provide some further clarity and to ask for your support in the following.

1. If your child/children have been isolating and are ready to come back to school as they have completed the isolation period or have had a negative result, please do the following.
 - Email or call us to notify us of the [negative result](#)
 - Return to the school via the [front door](#) so that the office can check the details we hold

If your child arrives via another entrance, and we have not had notification of the return, they will be taken to the isolation room. We want to avoid this as this interrupts with their learning and can unsettle them.

2. If your child is asked to isolate, this means all the family that lives with them needs to isolate. In this case, please [do not come to the school](#). If you need to pick something up, please arrange for someone else to do this on your behalf and tell us who this is.
3. If your child has to isolate, these are the current arrangements for distance learning.
 - The staff at FVA will check if you have access to meaningful technology such as an iPad or laptop.
 - If you have not, and your child is being sent home from school, we will provide a 'ready to go pack' which will contain a timetable, a purple exercise book, printed packs of work appropriate to the age group. This can also be picked up (by someone not in your household) or delivered to your child's house. In some circumstances we may be able to loan you a laptop.
 - If you do have technology, please go to the [Frome Vale Citizen Wordpress site](#), and go the [Covid Absence Page](#). Scroll down to find links for your year group. This will have 2 weeks' worth of work in each year group. The content of this work will build on work already covered in class. This will be refreshed regularly to ensure that the work builds on what is covered in class.
 - We will call you every few days as a wellbeing 'check in' and to check on any work the child has been able to do.

Sending work back

If your child is off for longer than 3 days, and is well enough to do work, then please send the work back to school using the emails below or the purple book you were given.

R	Send via Tapestry
1	year1@fva.clf.uk
2	year2@fva.clf.uk
3	year3@fva.clf.uk

4	year4@fva.clf.uk
5	year5@fva.clf.uk
6	year6@fva.clf.uk

Reminder: If your child shows the following symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature). A normal temperature is 36.5 -37 degrees centigrade.
- **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

Please **do not** bring them to school. Please let the school know, saying they have Covid 19 symptoms. **Everyone** in the same household will need to self- isolate.

If your child shows these symptoms in school, we will call you to pick them and their sibling/siblings up immediately. Your child will be isolated until this happens.

Next steps:

1. Book a test on the NHS website
2. Wait for result before talking to us about a return to school.

Test result:

- If the test is negative (your child does not have Covid 19) and they feel well, **talk with us** about a return to school.
- If the test is negative but they feel unwell, your child must stay at home until they feel better.
- If the test is positive (showing your child has Covid 19), inform the school **immediately** as the school will need to take appropriate action.

Colds and upset tummies:

- If your child has an upset stomach (sickness and diarrhoea), please do not bring them into school for 48 hours after the last symptom is shown.
- If your child has a cold, but you feel they are well enough to come to school **and they do not present any of the symptoms above**, they are able to attend.

Best wishes



Dr. Saunders

A quick guide to Covid 19 guidance around attending school can be found here [**Quick Guide**](#)