

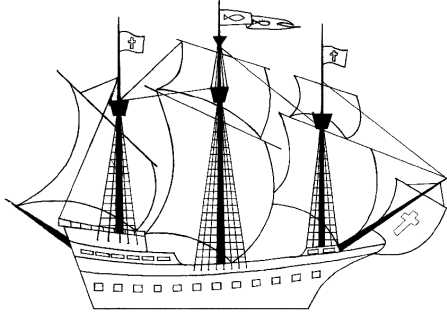
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# Dawpool C.E (Aided) Primary School

## . . . Growing the Fruit of the Spirit

*'The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness & Self Control'  
(Galatians 5:22-23)*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to clarify a few things regarding COVID-19 in schools.

From 1 April 2022, the government's guidance on [Living with COVID](#) replaced the DfE's [operational guidance for schools](#).

The following government briefing is very helpful and sets out the next steps for living with COVID in schools: [Living with Covid: the end of routine testing in schools, colleges and childcare settings](#).

Key things to note:

- Access to free COVID tests for most people ended on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. **All community testing sites in Wirral have now closed.**
- Routine testing is no longer expected in all education settings. This means **pupils and staff are not expected to routinely test themselves for COVID-19.**
- Anyone with a positive COVID-19 test result (which is expected to drastically reduce now that free tests have stopped) will be advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people as follows:
  - **5 days for adults**
  - **3 days for children and young people aged 18 or under.**

### **When children and young people with symptoms should stay at home and when they can return to education**

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

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**'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord. 'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.'** (Jeremiah 29:11)

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

It can be difficult to know when to seek help if your child is unwell. If you are worried about your child, then you should seek medical help.

### **Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive COVID-19 test result**

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults. Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

### **Children and young people (aged 18 years and under) who have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19**

Respiratory infections are common in children and young people, particularly during the winter months. Symptoms can be caused by several respiratory infections including the common cold, COVID-19 and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV). For most children and young people, these illnesses will not be serious, and they will soon recover following rest and plenty of fluids. Very few children and young people with respiratory infections become seriously unwell. This is also true for children and young people with long-term conditions. Some children under 2, especially those born prematurely or with a heart condition, can be more seriously unwell from [RSV](#). If you are worried about your child, then you should seek medical help.

Attending education is hugely important for children and young people's health and their future.

We hugely appreciate all of your support and vigilance during the COVID-19 pandemic and playing your part in keeping our school community safe. The school's latest COVID-19 risk assessment is available on our [website](#) and we will let you know if any additional measures need to be implemented in the future.

Yours sincerely,



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Head Teacher