

Coronavirus FAQs – Information for Parents and Carers

At Hanson School we continue to follow the national advice and we are updated daily. Below are the answers to some common questions:

Q) My child has just come back from [name of Country]. They're fine, should they come to school?

A) It depends on which country they have travelled from. Check the most up to date advice at www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specifiedcountries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implicationsfor-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk. If they have travelled from a 'Category 1' country they shouldn't come into school and should self-isolate for 14 days. They should also have called NHS 111 for advice. If they have travelled from a 'Category 2' country and don't have any symptoms they are OK to come to school. However if they then develop any symptoms they should be withdrawn from school, self-isolate and seek advice from NHS 111.

Q) My child has come back from a 'Category 2' country and doesn't have any symptoms. What happens if that country becomes a 'Category 1' country later in the week?

A) We continue to follow the current national guidance. We can't predict what will happen in the future so we have to ensure we are doing the right thing at a particular point in time. In this instance, for example, the current advice would be that the child is fine to come to school (but that if they develop any symptoms they should be withdrawn and seek advice from NHS 111).

Q) My child is fine but mum/dad has just flown back from a 'Category 2' country. Should my child come to school?

A) If mum/dad is fine and has no symptoms the child should be fine too. However, if mum/dad has symptoms she/he should contact NHS 111 and seek advice. The child is safe to come to school unless mum/dad is confirmed as having coronavirus after being tested – in which case the child should self-isolate for 14 days from that point.

Q) I've read in the news that schools will be closing. Does this apply to our school?

A) There are lots of stories in the papers of things that might happen in the future. However our school won't be closing unless we receive guidance to do so – either nationally or from local health experts.

Q) I'm worried my child might have been in touch with someone who has Coronavirus – what should I do?

A) If you know they have been in close contact (15 minutes or more within 2 metres) with someone who has a confirmed diagnosis of Coronavirus you should call NHS 111 and the child should self-isolate for 14 days. If you're worried that you might have been in contact with someone with Coronavirus, NHS 111 is still the best number to call. If your child doesn't have any

symptoms and the person they have been in touch with is not a confirmed case then the child is fine to come to school.

Q) What if I heard a child has symptoms of Coronavirus and has been sent home. What does that mean for my child?

We don't currently have such cases. However we are following national guidance. If a child has symptoms and has either been abroad to an affected country or has been in close contact with someone with Coronavirus we are advised that they should be sent home from school for two weeks and should be tested. At present we have no known cases of Coronavirus in the school. If we were to have a case we would discuss with Public Health officials, who would advise us on contacting parents.

Q) I'm worried about my child getting Coronavirus so I'm keeping them off school. Can you authorise their absence for me?

A) There is no reason for your child not to be at school. The only reason for keeping them off school is if the national guidance changed and indicated the need for it. Absences of that nature at this point goes against the guidance and would not be authorised.