

15th September 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We had a number of calls from parents/ carers whose children have non-Covid-19 symptoms, querying whether their child should come in to school or not.

This is genuinely a matter for you as a family to decide. The following link may be helpful to you in deciding whether to send your child in to school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

If your child is unwell or is absent from school for any reason please contact the office on telephone number (01202) 872474 or email: office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk on a daily basis.

If your child **does not** present with the above symptoms then he/ she **can** come into school. I appreciate that accessing a test for Covid-19 is becoming more and more challenging and this has been raised as a genuine concern with colleagues in Dorset Council.

With regards to work set during any individual pupil absence staff will forward work / lesson materials as we have been doing, electronically, on a daily basis. However, from Monday 21st September 2020, all children will have access to our new and exciting school VLE where daily resources for all lessons can be accessed. Children will be introduced to this incredible resource this week and we are excited about sharing our virtual learning platform.

I hope that this information is helpful and if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,



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