

# Meopham School

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Dear Parents,

It has been fantastic to welcome so many students back to school since the start of September.

In order to ensure that school remains as safe an environment for all as possible, we would like to remind parents of the symptoms of Covid-19. Students **must not** attend school if they have any **one** of the following symptoms:

- A high temperature - this means that a person feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature);
- 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 a person's sense of smell or taste.

If a student has any of the above symptoms, however mild, they must stay at home. You must arrange for them to have a test. Current Government advice states that you should keep your son or daughter at home for 10 days. They should only return to school before this time if the test has come back negative. Please provide us with evidence of the negative test result. If the test records a positive result, you should follow the advice that is given to you by the NHS. Please also communicate the result to us.

In addition, if anyone in your household has symptoms, or a positive test, then the student must also isolate for 14 days. Please communicate this with us. Please also arrange for your son or daughter to be tested. They can only return to school before the 14 day period if they are in receipt of a negative test result.

In the event that any of our students or staff are diagnosed with a positive test result we will work with the Kent Health Protection Team to assess the risk of transmission and react accordingly.

Thank you for your ongoing support during these challenging times.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Adams', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs S. Dickinson  
Headteacher