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Dear parents/carers,

Please see below the highlighted links sharing the latest government guidance regarding Covid-19, in particular testing:

Letter to school and college leaders on coronavirus (COVID-19) testing

The Department of Health and Social Care, NHS Test and Trace, and Public Health England issued a [letter to school and college leaders today providing clarity on when students and staff should be tested for coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#).

It is vital that only if children or staff develop [symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) – a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – do educational settings ask them to self-isolate and recommend they get a test. The NHS Test and Trace system is fully up and running, but capacity must be protected for those with symptoms of the virus.

For up to date guidance and what you need to know regarding COVID-19 for parents and carers visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

Kind regards

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