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Newcastle upon Tyne Royal Grammar School

RGS has been mandated by the Government to close to the vast majority of students from 18:00 Friday 20th March 2020. From Monday 23rd March 2020, RGS will continue to provide supervision in the school buildings, to a small number of children whose parent(s) are keyworkers and critical to the national response to Covid-19. In addition, from Monday 1st June 2020, RGS will also allow Year 6 students to return to school.

This policy aims to clarify guidance for the students and staff who are eligible to come into the RGS buildings, in the situation that they have symptoms or have been in close contact with anyone with symptoms or a diagnosis of Covid-19.

The fundamental approach of this policy is to be cautious and to protect every member of our school community.

In line with this cautious approach, no parents will be allowed onto site (other than to drop off or pick up their children at a school reception) and the children of non-keyworkers and Year 6 students will **strictly not be permitted onto the site without advance permission.**

For all those staff and students allowed on site, it is vital that you **do not come into school** if you, or any person in your household, have any of the following symptoms:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- 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)
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

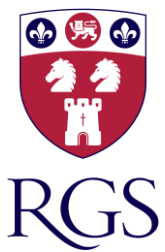
You should self-isolate, if:

- you have any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- you are waiting for a coronavirus test result
- you have tested positive for coronavirus – this means you have coronavirus and have not been given the all clear to stop self-isolating
- you live with someone who has symptoms, is waiting for a test result or has tested positive

If you have symptoms of coronavirus, you will usually need to self-isolate for at least 7 days. If you live with someone who has symptoms, you will usually need to self-isolate for 14 days.

Any person with concerns about possible Covid-19 infection is encouraged to consult the NHS testing website for advice and guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>



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