

## **Aycliffe Drive's First Aid during COVID-19**

If COVID symptoms are displayed high temperature (37.8 or more), new cough, loss of taste or smell. **Ensure SLT and office staff are notified.** The office will notify parents and ask to collect immediately. Whilst waiting isolate child in medical room with door closed or at least 2m away from others. If more than one case is suspected at the same time, staff will find suitable space at least 2m away from others. School staff supervising the child while they await collection should wear PPE (a fluid resistant surgical mask) **if** a distance of 2m cannot be maintained. If direct care (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs) is required then staff giving care to wear a fluid resistant surgical mask, disposable apron and gloves. This area will then be closed until can be thoroughly cleaned. Staff will record as usual in first aid book.

If a child feels generally unwell with i.e a common cold, stomach ache, etc, we ask that they stay off school for a couple of days. This is because children can have many different symptoms, which may be linked to COVID-19. After the child has been off for a couple of days, and they haven't developed any further coronavirus symptoms, it will be at the parents discretion if they feel the child is well enough to return to school. If a child returns to school but has a high temperature or continuous cough, parents will be contacted and asked to collect them straight away. As always, if a child is sick or has diarrhoea they need to stay off from school for 48 from the last bout.

When a child/staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 10 days. We encourage people to be tested where possible. Where the child/staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation. Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or 'bubble' will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.

For anything out of ordinary such as a suspected broken bone, unidentified swallowed item or rash refer to Paediatric first aid trained staff who will make the decision for next steps. Parents to be informed and medical assistance sought if required. **All incidents of this nature must be reported to Headteacher/SLT.**

If incident such as bumped head happens, first aid staff will tell relevant staff member and office will contact parents. A cold compress will be provided for child's bumped head. If child feels well they can stay at school, however it will be the parents decision if they would like to collect them. If child stays at school the child will be monitored. Parents will be contacted again if there are any further concerns. Details will be recorded in first aid book.

First Aid trained staff to deal with routine minor injuries such as grazed knees or hands and record in first aid book. Children will be encouraged to clean areas if minor cuts or grazes themselves and try to keep to 2m distance wherever possible.