



# **PEEL COMMON** *Community Junior School*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I am sure you are aware, the Government have updated their advice about Covid related absences as part of their "Next steps of living with Covid 19". This obviously affects what happens if your child contracts Covid 19 and what you will need to do in those circumstances.

The guidance states:

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

This guidance is quite broad but for us in school, we would like parents to follow their own instincts about whether their child is well enough to come to school but to definitely keep their child at home if they have a high temperature. A high temperature for children according to the NHS is anything higher than 38°C, so a child displaying a temperature above that would lead to a child staying at home. Parents know their children best so we would ask that children are kept at home until the temperature has returned to normal please.

Some parents may wish to use a LFD test to check for Covid or even take a PCR. If this is the case and your child tests positive, the advice is that your child avoids contact with others and stays at home for at least 3 days while they are most infectious. Again, we would ask that parents do not send their child back to school unless they have a normal temperature. If there is no high temperature, then we would be pleased to see your child back in school after 3 days of absence.

As always, the office staff will try to answer your questions and queries but this is the advice that they will be giving you as it is the advice that we have been given by the Government. Please support us if we make the decision to contact you as your child has presented with a high temperature, we want to make sure that everyone at Peel Common Junior school stays safe and keeps healthy.

Kind regards

Mrs Z Dudley  
Headteacher

