**BLEDLOW RIDGE SCHOOL**

As we move towards the autumn and winter seasons more cold and flu like symptoms will appear in the children and in adults and often these are accompanied by a mild fever or cough.

At this time, I am sure you understand we will be showing caution. A child who spikes a temperature in school or begins coughing regularly will be monitored for around 30 minutes (as per guidance from Public Health Bucks before a decision is made to ring you.

As sending a child home means the whole family must isolate, it is not a decision we take lightly.

**SHOULD I SEND MY CHILD TO SCHOOL?**

**Is your child displaying any of these**

**common symptoms of Covid-19?**

New persistent cough, temperature over 37.8oC ,

loss of sense of taste and/or smell.

**NO**

**NO**

**YES**

**Send them to school as normal**

Symptoms such as runny noses, sneezes are common for this time of year and not usually associated with Covid-19.

Inform the teacher on gate duty if you feel necessary and we will monitor them throughout the day.

**Keep them at home until they are well**

Inform the school office as usual

**Is your child so unwell that you would normally keep them off school before Covid-19?**

**Is anyone in the household showing symptoms?**

**YES**

**YES**

**NO**

**Notify the school as soon as you have the result**

Please do this via telephone or email.

If negative, return to school the next day, the whole household may stop isolating.

If positive – continue to isolate at home for 10/14 days.

**Inform the school office**

Please email office@bledlowridge.bucks.sch.uk or ring 01494 481253 and leave a message if there is no answer.

**Do not send your child to school**

If necessary, contact the 111 service and use <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> to book a test for the household member showing symptoms.

**Your household must isolate**

The person showing symptoms must isolate for 10 days, other household members for 14 days OR until a negative test result is returned.