



KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE

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# **King William's College & The Buchan School**

## **Covid-19 Medical Procedure for Day Pupils and Boarding Pupils**

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## 1. Introduction

The Island is now in its “Stay Responsible” response to the pandemic and whilst the circumstances on the Isle of Man are positive it is very important to continue some of the effective measures that have helped us get here:

**Good hygiene remains vital.** We should all be regularly and thoroughly washing our hands with soap and water for the recommended 20 seconds and ensuring they are properly dry afterwards. Coughing or sneezing should be done in to your elbow or a tissue – catch it, bin it, kill it!

We have also made the following requests to parents of day students: **If your child develops symptoms of any illness, they should remain at home.** If they, or anybody in their household, develops COVID-19 like symptoms, take the [online assessment](#), if directed to or it does not improve please contact 111 for advice. If the symptoms are not COVID-19 and advice is required speak to your GP.

The following procedure will apply to any pupil or member of staff that presents with the following symptoms:

- a temperature of more than 37.8C (100F)
- AND/OR, a new and persistent 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)
- AND/OR, anosmia – this is the loss of or a change in your normal sense of smell. It can also affect your sense of taste as the two are closely linked

## 2. Quarantine

Some family situations may require members of the household to travel off island during term times. The following guidance has already been communicated with parents:

Government guidance must be followed at all times by all members of the community. Although a possible reduction in the quarantine period from 14 days to 7 days with testing has been announced, the full 14 days quarantine must be completed before coming into school. If you are self-isolating in a household with others who are not required to self-isolate you must avoid contact as far as possible. Where only one member of a household has been issued with a direction or Entry certificate that requires self-isolation, it is not a legal requirement for the rest of the household to self-isolate.

If you share your home with a person who is self-isolating there are a number of practical considerations and actions which can be undertaken to reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection spreading between members of the same household:

Everyone in your household should:

- Wash their hands regularly
- Avoid touching your face
- Clean frequently touched surfaces regularly
- Exclude the person in self-isolation from the common areas of the home

If anyone in the household shows any symptoms of COVID-19, please do not come to school. Take the [online assessment](#), if directed to or it does not improve please contact 111 for advice. If the symptoms are not COVID-19 and advice is required speak to your GP.

### 3. Day Pupils

Any day pupil who shows any of the recognised COVID symptoms whilst they are in school should attend the Medical Centre. They will be sent home as soon as possible with the following advice:

1. Please monitor the situation very closely and take the [online assessment](#), if directed to or it does not improve please contact 111 for advice.
2. If it is revealed that the pupil is in a household with someone who is currently isolating after travel, it will be requested that advice is sought from the Isle of Man COVID-111 telephone service as soon as possible.

This request can be followed up in writing by the Deputy Head Pastoral along the following lines:

*Dear {...}*

*I hope that you are well. Sorry to hear that [insert name] has not been well today with [insert symptom]. She/he told the nurses that you are isolating at present? Government advice is that if anyone in the household shows any symptoms, please do not come to school and take the [online assessment](#) and follow the advice given.*

*Coronavirus symptoms:*

- *a temperature of more than 37.8C (100F)*
- *AND/OR, a new and persistent 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)*
- *AND/OR, anosmia – this is the loss of or a change in your normal sense of smell. It can also affect your sense of taste as the two are closely linked.*

*I am hoping that it is a seasonal cold, but please seek take the [online assessment](#) and advice from 111, especially as you have recently travelled.*

*Best wishes,*

### 4. Boarding Pupils

Any boarding pupil who shows any of the recognised COVID symptoms should attend the Medical Centre. As the current risk on the island is low at present, they can be safely observed in the Medical Centre for a day (24 hours) and should not return to the Boarding House. If there is no change in the symptoms shown or those symptoms become worse/more persistent, the [online assessment](#), will be completed and then advice from the Isle of Man COVID-111 telephone service sought as required.

Once a Medical Centre room has been occupied, it will be cleaned with appropriate PPE depending on whether COVID-19 is confirmed or not. Guidance on cleaning is provided by the government [here](#).

### 5. Staff

If any staff member shows any symptoms of COVID-19 they should go home, take the [online assessment](#) and follow the advice given. If there is no change in the symptoms shown or those symptoms become worse/more persistent, then advice from the Isle of Man COVID-111 telephone service must be sought.

If a member of the staff member's household shows symptoms, they should seek advice from the Isle of Man COVID-111 telephone service.