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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for all that you are doing to keep your family and friends safe. We all know how important school is for our children – for their education and for their emotional wellbeing. I want to reassure you that we are working closely with early years settings, schools and colleges/universities to help make them as safe as possible for pupils/students and staff.

As we go into a second lockdown I understand you may be worried. Levels of Covid-19 are high across the city, so we are seeing cases in people who are also part of early years/school communities (pupils, students, parents/carers and staff). However, we review cases every day and the majority of people who receive a positive Covid-19 test result in Sheffield get the virus in their household or community and not from within the early years /school setting. That's why we want to say thank you to everyone who does not go into school when either they have symptoms or are waiting for the results of a test or have been asked to self isolate. You are helping to protect your community.

What can you do to reduce Covid-19 in your community



Got Symptoms?

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If you have **any** of these symptoms, however mild, **you must stay home and book a free test** via our easy, accessible tests centres here in Sheffield. Most test results are now coming back within 24 hours. You can book a test by calling 119 or online at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

See our 'Quick Guide for Parents' self isolation guide, attached, to help you. Also for further information on the help and support available to you, please go to:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/coronavirus-hub/support-for-people>

Finally, I'd really like to thank you. We did slow and reduce the spread of the virus in Sheffield before the summer by taking these simple steps. We need to do this again now by following the restrictions. This will then allow us all to get back to enjoying more activities and time with our friends and families.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AG Fell', written in a cursive style.

Greg Fell
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