



# Gillieston Public School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I understand there may be some confusion around sickness and absences during these changing and unusual times. I am hoping the information below will assist in clearing up any confusion.

As stated in the latest NSW Department of Education guidelines on 24 July 2021;

Staff and students must not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19.

Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:

- they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available.
- they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free.

In circumstances where children or staff have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Further to this, if your child is home with symptoms of COVID-19 but is well enough to learn, the school will provide resources to learn from home. In this instance, the child will be marked as learning flexibly and not as absent from school. If you fall into this category, please contact your child's teacher via seesaw.

As always, if you are unsure of anything please contact the school.

We thank you again for your understanding and flexibility during this time.

Mrs Lauren Fernando