

### Suspected COVID-19 procedures – Parents/Guardians

#### Adult/child develops COVID-19 symptoms

- New persistent cough
- High Temperature (over 37.8 degrees)
- Loss or change of sense of smell and/or taste

Child to be taken to hygiene room and parents contacted immediately & informed of PHA advice regarding suspected symptoms.

Adult/child with symptoms to request a COVID-19 test. Until results are known they must self-isolate along with all members of their household.

**Positive test result**

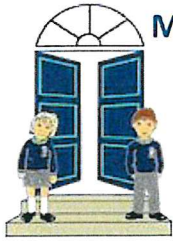
If adult/child tests positive for COVID-19 or informs school a member of their household has had a positive test – (PHA, BOG and EA to be notified immediately for advice)  
Follow PHA advice

**Negative test**

If test comes back negative for COVID-19 the adult/child can return to work/school. (unless temperature is still present, return must be 48 hrs after temperature subsides)

PHA will contact parents of children who have been in close contact and advise steps to be taken.

Blended Learning will be provided for any child or family that has been advised to self-isolate



**Quick parent guide  
COVID-19 related absences**

What to do if....	Action needed	Return to school when
<p><b>My child has symptoms of COVID-19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous new cough</li> <li>• Fever Temperature over 37.8 or above</li> <li>• Loss of taste/smell</li> </ul>	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Inform school office All members of household should self-isolate Get a test Inform school immediately of test result</p>	<p>The test comes back negative &amp; child and members of the household have been fever free for 48 hours.</p>
<p><b>My Child Tests Positive for COVID-19</b></p>	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Inform school immediately about test result Self-isolate for <b>at least</b> 10 days and fever subsides Follow Test/Trace/Protect instructions</p>	<p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once infection is gone. If they continue to have a high temperature they should stay at home. All members of household should isolate for 14 days and get a test if they develop symptoms</p>
<p><b>Someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms</b></p>	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Household member to get a test Inform the school immediately about the test result</p>	<p>Stay at home for 14 days after the first person in your home started having symptoms or until everyone in your household who has displayed symptoms has received a negative test.</p>
<p><b>Somebody in my household has tested positive with COVID-19</b></p>	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Inform the school immediately about the test result and follow Test/Trace/Protect instructions</p>	<p>Return when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation</p>
<p><b>The Track and Trace scheme has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms of confirmed coronavirus</b></p>	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Self-isolate for advised period</p>	<p>Return when the child has completed advised Test/Trace/Protect isolation period</p>
<p><b>My child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate as part of the quarantine process</b></p>	<p><u>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed</u></p> <p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Self-isolate for 14 days Inform the school.</p>	<p>Return to school when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed</p>



# Test , Trace, Protect

## To be used in conjunction with New School Day Guidance – Section 8

**Anyone who exhibits any symptoms associated with COVID-19 should not attend school. All symptomatic pupils and staff are expected to follow the advice and obtain a test for COVID-19.**



Where an individual has had a **negative result** and **everyone with symptoms who was tested in their household receive a negative result**, the pupil or **member of staff can return to school providing they are well enough and have not had a fever for 48 hours.**



**Anyone who tests positive will be contacted by the Contact Tracing Service in the Public Health Agency, and will need to share information about their recent interactions.** This could include household members, people with whom you have been in direct contact, or been within 2 metres for more than 15 minutes.



**All household members should follow PHA isolation guidance which currently requires everyone in the household to stay at home.**

- If you have symptoms of coronavirus or a positive test, you will need to **stay at home for at least 10 days.**
- If you live with someone who has symptoms or a positive test, you will need to **stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person in the home started having symptoms.**
- However, if you develop symptoms during this 14-day period, you will need to self-check in accordance with Test and Trace guidance and **stay at home for 10 days from the day your symptoms started** (regardless of what day you are on in the original 14-day period).
- 10 days after your symptoms started, if you do not have a high temperature, you do not need to continue to self-isolate. If you still have a high temperature, keep self-isolating until your temperature returns to normal. You do not need to self-isolate if you just have a cough after 10 days, as a cough can last for several weeks after the infection has gone.
- If you have symptoms and live with someone who is 70 or over, has a long-term condition, is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, try to find somewhere else they can stay for the 14-day isolation period.
- It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.



PHA guidance under the Test and Trace and Protect programme will be **applied for all staff or pupils in contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19.** Test and Trace staff will contact anyone with a positive test and trace their contacts over the previous 48 hours seeking information on where that individual has been in contact with someone for 15 minutes or more and less than 2 m social distance. **Isolation guidance will then be provided that is context specific and may result in friendship groups, regular contacts and potentially an entire class or 'bubble' being instructed to self-isolate at home.**



Should a COVID-19 confirmed case occur, **the EA cleaning service should be notified. Enhanced cleaning should be carried out within any classroom in which an individual who has developed COVID-19 has been to minimise risk of the spread of the virus.** This should be clearly communicated to staff, parents and pupils to provide assurance that the environment is safe.



**Pupils and staff can return to school when they have completed the necessary period of isolation as advised by the Test, Trace and Protect service.** This will help contain any potential transmission to those staff/pupils and will also assist in protecting the wider community.