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Dear Parents/carers,

Within this letter you will find details of what to expect if the setting is notified of a possible or confirmed case of Covid-19 in the setting. Changes were introduced this week, so please read carefully. An updated flowchart to reflect the changes is also attached.

Where there is a possible case of coronavirus in the setting

If a child or member of staff develops symptoms of Covid-19, the individual concerned will be sent home. They or their parents/carers will be asked to arrange a PCR test and to share the results with us.

Where there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in the setting

If a child or member of staff tests positive for Covid-19, they will be asked not to attend the school for at least 7 full days from the day after their symptoms appeared or, if asymptomatic, the date that the PCR or LFD test was taken. Positive cases can take LFD tests on days 6 and day 7, at least 24 hours apart, and if both tests are negative, they can leave self-isolation as soon as they have got the negative result from the second test provided they do not have a raised temperature. If cases decide not to carry out LFD testing or if they have a temperature on day 7, then they should continue with their self-isolation for the full 10 days.

Contacts of positive cases

Contact tracing will be completed by NHS Test and Trace and occasionally the school. Our approach to isolation has changed as legally, contacts who are fully vaccinated* or under 18 years 6 months are no longer required to self-isolate. They are however advised to take daily LFD tests for 7 days (unless they are below 5 years age). If during this time the LFD test is positive, the individual must self-isolate and anyone who tests positive following the PCR or LFD test will still be legally required to self-isolate, even if they have been vaccinated.

Children under five years who are contacts do not need to do daily LFD tests but may be requested to take a PCR test if they are a household contact.

Unvaccinated close contacts aged 18 and over should self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms and should continue this period of isolation even if they too have been tested and have received a negative test result.



*A fully vaccinated person must have had their second vaccine dose at least two weeks prior to coming into contact with the positive case.

What you can do

If your child develops any of the following symptoms, we would ask that you notify the setting immediately and arrange a test by visiting <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by phoning 119.

- A high temperature – this means feeling hot to touch on the chest or back
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to their sense of smell or taste

If the child has been PCR tested because they were showing symptoms and the test has come back negative, they can return to school once they are well. If they still feel unwell after a negative test they should stay at home until they feel better. If the child has been sick, has had a high temperature or diarrhoea, they must not return to the setting for at least 48 hours after symptoms last showed.

Thank you once again for all you are doing to keep our setting safe.

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Keefe

