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## Procedures for Coronavirus/Suspected Coronavirus Cases Information for Parents and Carers (Published 23rd August 2020)

The Public Health Agency's current advice is: The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature); OR
- a new, continuous 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); OR
- a loss of or change in sense of smell or taste

**If your child displays any of the symptoms when at home:** It is vital that you check your child is well enough to come to school and vitally important they are not displaying any Coronavirus symptoms. As government guidelines are reviewed and updated regularly, please ensure you check the PHA website or call NHS 111 for current information and advice about what members of your household should do if anyone displays symptoms.

What to do if.....	Action Needed	Return to school when....
My child or someone in my household has coronavirus symptoms	<b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep all siblings at home</li> <li>• Self-isolate</li> <li>• <b>Check PHA Website/Ring NHS 111</b> for current Government Guidelines on what your household should do and <b>follow their advice.</b></li> <li>• Contact school</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test result/s and keep school updated regularly</li> </ul>	PHA guidelines around testing and isolation periods have been followed and completed by your household.
The Track and Trace scheme has identified my child or someone in my household as a close contact of somebody with symptoms of confirmed coronavirus	<b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep all siblings at home</li> <li>• Self-isolate</li> <li>• <b>Check PHA Website/Ring NHS 111</b> for current Government Guidelines on what your household should do and <b>follow their advice.</b></li> <li>• Contact school and update us regularly</li> </ul>	PHA guidelines around testing and isolation periods have been followed and completed by your household.
My child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate as part of the quarantine process	<u>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b></li> <li>• Contact school</li> <li>• <b>Check PHA Website</b> and follow Government Guidelines on quarantine for your household.</li> </ul>	PHA guidelines around quarantine periods have been followed and completed by your household.



## What will happen if my child becomes ill in school?

Your child becomes ill...	What will happen?
With the usual childhood illnesses e.g. tummy bug, headache, sore throat <b>(If we feel your child has a temperature it will be checked and a decision made on whether to follow coronavirus symptom procedures.)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal procedures for sending your child home will be followed i.e. you will be asked to come and collect him/her.</li> <li>• Your child must stay at home until they are well enough to return to school.</li> </ul>
<b>With Coronavirus symptoms..</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Temperature</b> (if your child complains of having a temperature/feeling hot or looks flushed and hot their temperature will be checked using a non-contact infrared thermometer.)</li> <li>• <b>Continuous cough</b></li> <li>• <b>Loss of taste or smell</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your child will be brought to the school lower playground entrance, which has been designated as our isolation space. A member of staff wearing PPE will wait with your child until collected.</li> <li>• You will be contacted to come and collect your child, along with any other siblings.</li> <li>• You will be asked to sign a record of symptoms form.</li> <li>• You will be expected to seek advice for your household from the <b>PHA Website or to Ring NHS 111.</b></li> <li>• You must inform the school immediately of test results.</li> <li>• You must keep your child/children at home until your household has completed all the guidance on testing and isolation periods.</li> <li>• Keep the school updated regularly.</li> </ul>

What will happen if....?	School Procedure
<b>A child/staff member in a class bubble is sent home with Coronavirus symptoms.</b>	The class bubble will remain open and other children/staff will remain in school with usual preventative measures in place i.e. hygiene and social distancing measures.
<b>A child/staff member in a class bubble is tested positive.</b>	All children/members of staff in that class bubble will be sent home for a <b>72 hour period.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The classroom will be deep cleaned before it is reopened and the children return.</li> <li>• The child with a positive test and their siblings will remain at home until their household has completed all necessary testing and isolation guidelines</li> </ul>

**Please note: If a child testing positive has siblings in the school:**

- All children in the household will have to follow isolation guidelines, so will not be in school.
- Therefore, the class bubbles of siblings will remain open with usual preventative hygiene and social distancing measures in place.
- However, if a sibling of that child also tests positive their class bubble will be closed and appropriate procedures followed.

**In short:** Only class bubbles where a **positive test result has been confirmed** will be closed for a 72 hour period. In these instances children will complete remote learning from home.

