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Dear Parents & Carers

Once again I thank you for your patience while we adjust to this new normal. We are well aware that we are approaching the winter months when children will naturally develop usual infection colds etc.

Unfortunately, we will take no chances in school and if your child displays any of the COVID symptoms they will be sent home. If this happens you will need to arrange for them to get a test before they will be allowed to return.

It is very important that you do not send them or any one from the same household to school if they are displaying symptoms. The household must self-isolate until the test results are returned. If the test is negative the child and their siblings can return to school as long as they are well enough to do so. (Please remember it is only the person displaying symptoms that needs to be tested.)

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **A high temperature** —this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **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)
- **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** —this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

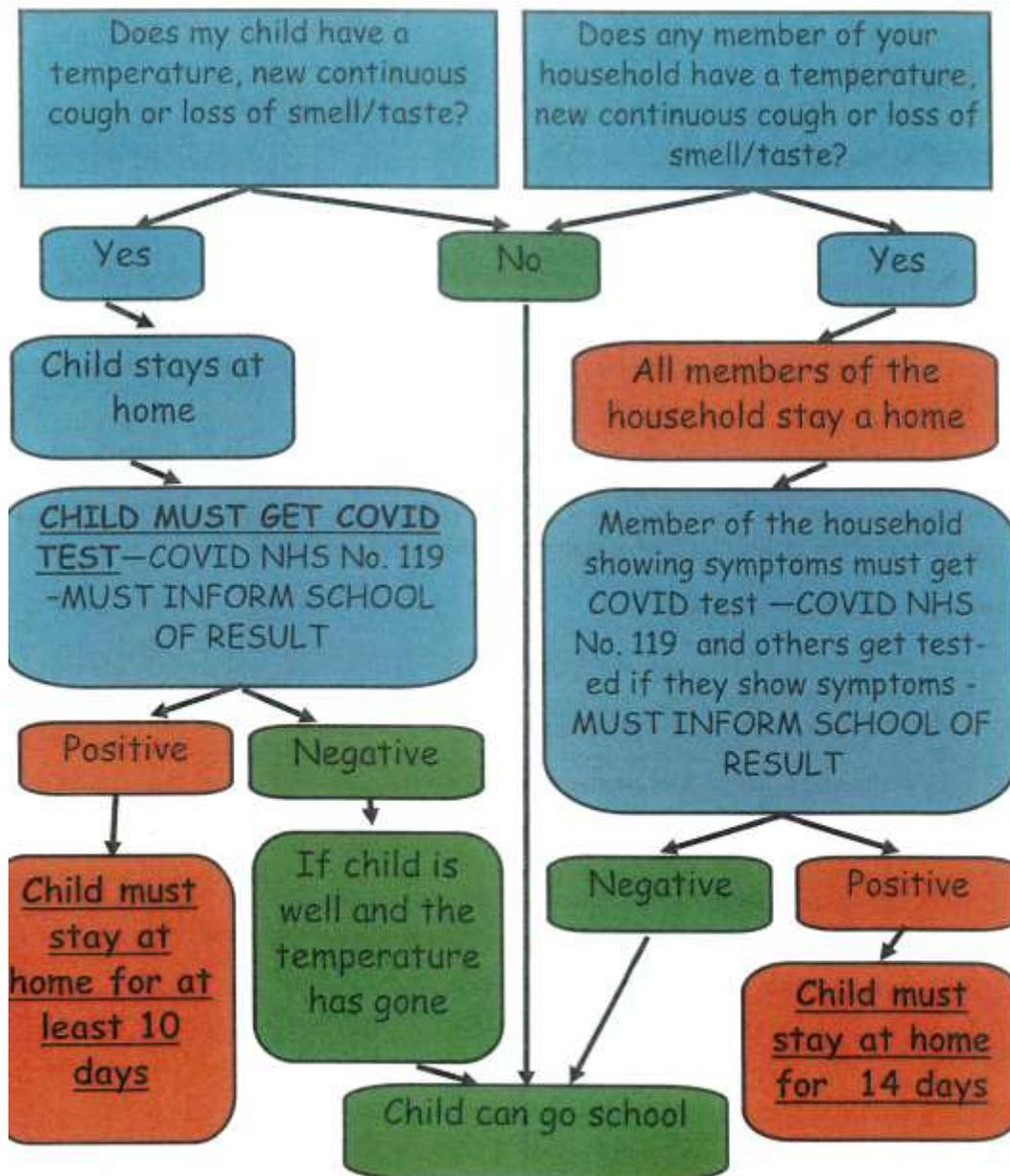
Unfortunately, we are not medical professionals and so will use the guidelines above to give the best advice we can. I sincerely apologise for the inconvenience that this will cause many families however ask that you support us while we do all we can to ensure our whole school community remains safe.

Please see the flow chart which gives advice on what you need to do.

Yours faithfully,

Miss D.T. Lee
Principal

COVID Symptoms At Home Flow Chart



If a child shows any COVID-19 symptoms they cannot return to school without a NEGATIVE TEST

If you are contacted through NHS Track and Trace and your child was with you during the contact with the person who has tested positive—you and your child must self isolate for 14 days, even if either of you receive a negative test.