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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school after a very challenging six months. It is lovely to have our school filled with our children's smiles and laughter again and long may it continue. Can I take this opportunity to, once again, thank you for your tremendous, on-going support. You have been given a wealth of information ranging from different start/finish times, one-way systems, etc and you have all supported us greatly in this. Together, we are ensuring we are doing everything to keep our pupils, staff and families safe.

I am fully aware that there are many different scenarios that can arise with the children returning to school and this wealth of information can be quite overwhelming. In order to try to make the 'Guideline Procedures' as clear as possible, I have put together these questions in order that it may help you know what you need to do should any of the following happen.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD LEARNERS OR STAFF ATTEND SCHOOL IF THEY:

1) Have any symptoms of Coronavirus

***FEELING UNWELL**

***HAVE A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH**

***HAVE A HIGH TEMPERATURE (above 37.8°C)**

***HAVE A LOSS OF OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF TASTE/SMELL**

(YOU WILL NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE FOR 10 DAYS)

2) HAVE TESTED POSITIVE TO COVID-19 IN THE PAST 10 DAYS

(YOU WILL NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE FOR 10 DAYS)

3) LIVE IN A HOUSEHOLD OR FORM PART OF AN EXTENDED HOUSEHOLD WHERE SOMEONE HAS SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 OR HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 IN THE PAST 14 DAYS

(YOU WILL NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE FOR 14 DAYS)

4) HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY A CONTACT TRACER AND TOLD THAT YOU MUST SELF-ISOLATE

(YOU WILL NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE FOR 14 DAYS)

What do I do if my child has a new cough, a high temperature or has lost their sense of smell or taste?

Keep your child home from school for at least 10 days and book a test for your child at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or dial the free number 119.

Other household members must start to self-isolate for 14 days also.

All household (and extended household members) must self-isolate until the test result arrives.

If the test result is negative, the household/extended household can carry on as normal. Your child can return to school.

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If positive, all members of the household/extended household need to self-isolate for the required time. The track and trace team will contact you.

The stay at home guidance can be found at

<https://gov.wales/self-isolation-stay-home-guidance-households-possible-coronavirus>

What do I do if a member of our household has a new cough, a high temperature or has lost their sense of smell or taste?

The affected person must self-isolate for at least 10 days and get a test by applying at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or dial the free number 119.

Other household members must start to self-isolate for 14 days also.

All household (and extended household members) must self-isolate until the test result arrives.

If the test is negative, the household/extended household can carry on as normal. Your child can return to school.

If positive, all members of the household/extended household need to self-isolate for the required time. The track and trace team will contact you.

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What do I do if my child has been in touch with a positive case?

The track and trace team will contact you.

Keep your child home from school for 14 days. Even if your child has a test (which they won't need unless they develop symptoms) and it is negative they still need to self-isolate for the full 14 days.

Other members of the household do not need to isolate unless they develop symptoms or your child develops symptoms and subsequently tests positive.

Siblings in a different class/contact group in school can still attend school and do not need to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms.

What do I do if a member of our household has been in touch with a positive case?

The track and trace team will contact you.

The household member must self-isolate for 14 days. Even if the member has a test (which they won't need unless they develop symptoms) and it is negative they still need to self-isolate for the full 14 days.

Other members of the household do not need to isolate unless they develop symptoms or the affected member develops symptoms and subsequently tests positive.

Children can still attend school and do not need to self-isolate unless they or another household member develop symptoms.

What happens if a child/member of staff in my child's class/contact group tests positive for Covid-19?

The class/contact group will be shut and all members will need to self-isolate for 14 days. In this case the parents/carers of the affected contact group will be asked to collect their children. The text will read like this:

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UNFORTUNATELY, THERE HAS BEEN A COVID-19 POSITIVE TEST IN YOUR CHILD'S CONTACT GROUP. PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND KEEP THEM AT HOME FOR 14 DAYS. SIBLINGS CAN ATTEND AS NORMAL. THANK YOU.

Please note: Siblings in other contact groups can still attend school unless they develop symptoms. If they develop symptoms they will need to self-isolate and arrange a test as above.

As well as this, a text message will be sent to all other parents/carers to inform them of the situation. The text will read as follows:

THERE HAS BEEN A COVID-19 POSITIVE TEST IN YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL BUT NOT IN YOUR CHILD'S CONTACT GROUP. THIS TEXT IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY. YOUR CHILD CAN CONTINUE TO ATTEND SCHOOL AND YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING ELSE. THANK YOU.

It is expected that this is going to happen so please try not to panic. We are following the guidelines in school rigidly and will keep you informed of any changes as they occur.

What happens if a member of staff in the school tests positive?

The member of staff will need to self-isolate for 14 days, as will her class/contact group (as above).

Other members of staff may have been around the affected person but, as all staff have to distance by 2 metres, other members of staff (and classes/contact groups) will not need to self-isolate within school.

If the member of staff has been teaching more than one class/contact group, more classes/contact groups may need to close. The school will take the advice of Public Health Wales on this.

What happens if there's a cluster of cases?

A cluster is defined as 2 or more positive cases within a class/contact group within 14 days or an increased rate of absence due to suspected or confirmed cases. Again, we will take advice from Public Health Wales if this happens.

Outbreaks.

An outbreak will be when the situation is complex and an Outbreak Control Team will advise the school. In these circumstances the school will keep you updated on any plans/actions, such as shutting the whole school etc.

I hope this helps prepare you in advance of any of the above scenarios.

My very best wishes, as always



Acting Headteacher