**WHAT DO I DO IF….**

**COVID-19 quick reference guide to attendance at school for parents**

| **What do I do if…** | **Action Needed** | **Return to school when…** |
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| My child has **COVID** symptoms:   * **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 | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  **Inform school via email or telephone.**  Arrange a test.  Self-isolate the household for 10 days, or until a negative test result.  Inform school of the test result as soon as you receive it. | The test result is negative. |
| My child is ill with symptoms which **are not COVID related**…  If your child **does not** have symptoms of COVID, but has **other cold-like symptoms e.g. a runny nose,** they do not need to be tested and they and the rest of your household do not need to self-isolate. | **Your child can attend school if fit to do so.**  **Follow the usual school procedures – ring absence into school office** | The child is well, or 48 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea if that is the cause. |
| My child has received a **positive test** result… | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  Contact school to inform us by telephone.  Agree an earliest possible return date for the child – this will be at least 10 days from onset of symptoms.  Self-isolate the rest of the household for 10 days and arrange tests **if other household members develop symptoms.**  School will liaise with PHE about bubble closure/test and trace to inform parents. | They feel better…  This will be after at least 10 days.  They can still return to school if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell because these symptoms can last for many weeks after they are no longer contagious. |
| My child **tests negative**… | **CONTACT THE SCHOOL**  Arrange when the child can come back to school. This can be the same day/next day if otherwise well. | They test negative. |
| **Someone in the household has COVID symptoms** as outlined above | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  Inform school via email or telephone.  Arrange a test for the person with symptoms.  Self-isolate the household for 10 days, or until a negative test result.  Inform school of the test result as soon as you receive it. | The test result is negative. |
| **Someone in the household (not the child) tests positive** for COVID-19 | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  Contact school to inform us by telephone.  Agree an earliest possible return date for the child – 10 days of self-isolation is required. | After the 10 days of self-isolation is completed (unless child develops symptoms in that period). |
| **NHS test and trace** identifies my child as being a close contact of a **CONFIRMED** case of COVID-19 | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  Contact school to inform us by telephone.  Follow guidance from test and trace.  Agree an earliest possible return date for the child – 10 days of self-isolation is required. | After the 10 days of self-isolation is completed (unless child develops symptoms in that period). |
| My child/our household has travelled and returned to the UK, and now has to quarantine as a result | Do not take unauthorised holiday leave in term time.  Check government travel corridors and be aware that these change quickly and frequently.  Self-isolate for 10 days  Agree a return date with school. | After the 10 days of self-isolation is completed (unless child develops symptoms in that period). |
| We have received medical advice that my child needs to shield | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  Contact school to inform us by telephone.  Shield until you are told that this is no longer needed (provide proof if appropriate). | When shielding restrictions have been lifted for your child. |
| My child’s bubble is closed due to a confirmed outbreak in school | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL IF CHILD IS IN THE CONFIRMED BUBBLE CLOSURE**  School will confirm return date for the bubble.  Support your child with home learning which will be provided by school in line with our home learning policy. | When school tells you the bubble is re-opened. |