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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for taking the time to read my previous letter regarding the return to school next week.

As advised in that letter, I am writing today to inform you of the procedures school will follow in accordance with advice from Gateshead Council and North East Health Protection Team.

Firstly, it is important to stress that children **must not** attend school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- **A high temperature**
- **A new continuous cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)**
- **A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell**

The guidance states that a child displaying any of these symptoms self-isolates at home for 10 days from when symptoms started. The rest of the suspected cases household also need to self-isolate for 14 days.

You should arrange for your child to be tested at <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name> or ring NHS 119. **Please notify school of the test result as soon as you receive it.**

If your child does not get tested they cannot return to school until the end of the 10 day self-isolation period and other members of your household must also self-isolate for 14 days from when the suspected case symptoms started.

Other members of the bubble in school will not automatically be asked to self-isolate at this point.

#### **NEGATIVE RESULT**

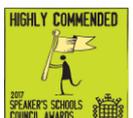
Your child can return to school unless they still have a temperature, in which case they should continue to self-isolate until they feel well. Seek medical advice if you are worried or if your child still has a temperature after 10 days. Other household members can end self-isolation as long as they have no symptoms.

#### **POSITIVE RESULT**

Your child can return to school after 10 days unless they still have a temperature, in which case they should continue to self-isolate and you should seek medical advice. They do not need to self-isolate after 10 days if they only have a cough or loss of sense of smell or taste.



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Other household members of confirmed cases can stop self-isolating after 14 days as long as they have not developed any symptoms

If a confirmed case is reported to school, school will inform the North East Health Protection Team.

The Health Protection Team will contact parents directly to confirm:

- Onset date of illness
- Test date
- Your child's attendance at school

The Health Protection Team will then contact the headteacher in order to:

- Carry out a risk assessment
- Identify close contacts of confirmed cases
- Identify which contacts should self-isolate
- Identify any required action to be taken by school

If your child has been a close contact of a confirmed case and is advised to self-isolate by the Health Protection Team, your household members do not need to self-isolate themselves unless your child subsequently develops symptoms.

Children who live in a household with a symptomatic person that has not been tested or who has tested positive (with or without symptoms) should self-isolate for a full 14 days. The 14 days start from the day the person had symptoms or if no symptoms from the day their test was taken. The child can stop self-isolating after 14 days, if they do not get any symptoms.

For further information please visit [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/).

Yours sincerely



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