

# This is the latest guidance from Public Health Haringey for schools with regard to coronavirus – 14 September 2020

A flow chart to help schools manage suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases is attached with this document for your reference.

Any child/staff experiencing any of the following:

- High temperatures (feels hot to touch on chest or back, 37.8 degrees and above)
- New continuous cough (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)
- Loss / change in smell or taste.

**Should be sent home immediately, asked to get tested, and start 10-day self-isolation. Household members should start isolating for 14 days – this is because it can take 14 days for symptoms of the virus to appear. The household should only stop self-isolating if the child/staff having symptoms, has had a negative test.**

**If a child/staff does not get tested, we would still expect them to self-isolate for 10 days if they have been symptomatic.** If the child/staff does receive a test, and this is negative, the child/staff and their household can stop self-isolation and the child/staff can return to school immediately.

If a child is confirmed positive, the 'bubble/group' which that child was in, will need to start self-isolation for 14 days. 'Close contacts' of the child/staff would also need to start self-isolation for 14 days.

A close contact is:

- Household contacts: overnight contacts/ people who spend significant time in the same household as a person who has tested positive
- Face-to-face contacts: Having been within 1 metre of someone who has tested positive, including: being coughed on, having a

face-to-face conversation, or having skin-to-skin physical contact, or any contact within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer without face-to-face contact (unless a person was protected by PPE)

- A person who has been between 1 and 2 metres for more than 15 minutes from someone who has tested positive (unless a person was protected by PPE)
- A person who has travelled in a small vehicle or on a plane near someone who has tested positive

A test should only be booked by staff/children in the bubble **IF** symptoms appear. Children/staff can return to school after 14 days should no symptoms have appeared.

Households, where children in bubbles are being sent home to self-isolate, do not need to start 14-day self-isolation (unless they themselves start getting symptomatic of COVID). In essence, you only need to start self-isolation if you have been in a bubble, close contact, or tested positive.

**ADDITIONALLY – we have been requested to ask parents to keep their children away from school if they are unwell with NON-COVID related issues. We need to ensure that we try and keep infection out of schools not only to avoid infecting other children but also the staff, without whom we will not be able to keep the school open.**