



## Townfield Primary School

# Corona Virus Q & A's

### What are the symptoms of Covid-19?

- **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

If your child has any of the above symptoms (one or more) they **cannot** attend school and will need to obtain a test.

If your child has other cold like symptoms such as a runny nose, headache, sore throat, etc, the guidance is that they will not require a test and/or self-isolate. However if they are not well enough for school, they should remain at home until they feel well enough.

### What do I do if my child has symptoms?

A blue rectangular infographic with white and yellow text. At the top, it reads 'YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS' in bold. Below this, it asks 'WHAT TO DO?' and lists four bullet points: '- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL', '- Book a COVID-19 test', '- Household self-isolates', and '- Inform school immediately about test result'. At the bottom, it asks 'WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?' and provides the following text: 'Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.' There is a faint circular logo in the background of the infographic.

## What do I do if someone in my household has symptoms

**SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS**

**WHAT TO DO?**

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

**WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?**

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

## When should I get a test for my child?

**YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:**

<p><b>A HIGH TEMPERATURE</b></p> <p>This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).</p>	<p><b>OR</b></p>	<p><b>A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH</b></p> <p>This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).</p>	<p><b>OR</b></p>	<p><b>A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE</b></p> <p>This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.</p>
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**IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.**

## What if my child tests positive?

**YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19**

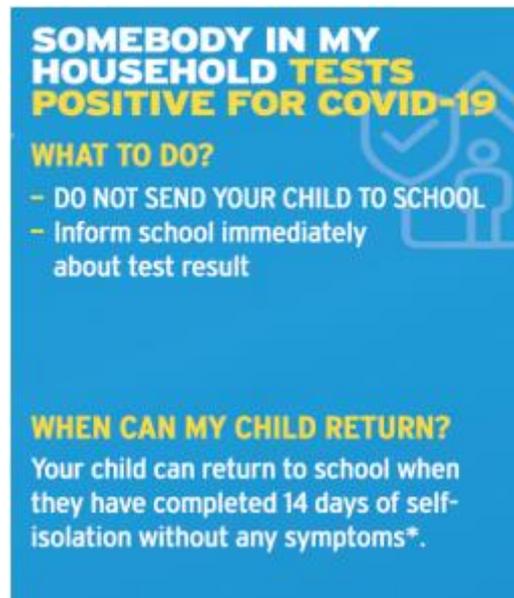
**WHAT TO DO?**

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA.

**WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?**

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

## What if someone in my house tests positive?



## Will my child be provided with home learning if they are required to self-isolate?

If children are sent home from school in relation to Covid-19 teachers will prepare home learning packs. Should your child's class require to self-isolate, home learning information will be communicated to you.

Children who are sent home to self-isolate must not go out or mix with those outside of their household until their period of self-isolation ends.

## What if my child is sent home because a classmate tests positive?

You will be advised immediately if anyone within your child's class bubble tests positive for Corona Virus. You will also be advised of the necessary isolation. **Your child must not leave the house and/or come into contact with anyone outside of their household during a period of self-isolation.**

## What if my child has siblings?

The current guidance states that siblings and/or anyone else in the household do not need to isolate, should your child be sent home to self-isolate. However, if during this period anyone in the household develops any Corona Virus symptoms they should obtain a test.

## Will my child be provided with home learning if they are required to self-isolate?

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### **Are schools likely to school close?**

We will do everything we can to ensure school stays open, in line with Government and Local Authority guidance. **If there is a positive test result for a member of staff or pupil, anyone who has been in close contact with that person 48 hours prior to symptoms starting will be required to self-isolate.** The isolation period for anyone who has been in contact with someone who has tested positive is 14 days.

There is no advance to getting a test within this time period and even with a negative test, everyone identified as a close contact must still isolate for a full 14 days. However, if anyone isolating develops one or more of one of the three Corona virus symptoms, then they should get a test.

### **How to book a test**

There are several ways of booking a test. You can find further information on the NHS and direct.gov website or call 119.

See below quick reference guide from Wirral Local Authority below.

# COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) ABSENCE: A quick guide for parents/carers

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What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
 <p>...my child has coronavirus symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>■ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>■ Self-isolate</li> <li>■ Get a test</li> <li>■ Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	<p>...the test comes back <b>negative</b></p>
 <p>...my child tests <b>positive</b> for coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>■ Self-isolate for at least 10 days</li> <li>■ Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	<p>...they feel better. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>■ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>■ Self-isolate</li> <li>■ Household member to get a test</li> <li>■ Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	<p>...the household member test is <b>negative</b></p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested <b>positive</b> for coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>■ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>■ Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation</p>
 <p>...NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>■ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>■ Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation</p>
 <p>...we/my child travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<p>Term time holidays, including absence as a result of needing to quarantine, are unauthorised.</p> <p><b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>■ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>■ Self-isolate for 14 days - even if a test is negative</li> </ul>	<p>...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed</p>
 <p>...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>■ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>■ Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p>
 <p>...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Only people with symptoms* need to get a test</li> <li>■ People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive</li> </ul>	<p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p>

\* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.