

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for helping to keep our school community safe by following current Government guidelines. Please remember to keep washing your hands, cover your face in shops and on public transport and keep your distance from other households.



Please also make sure you are adhering to the 6 person rule which came into force on Monday 14th September

I appreciate how difficult the current situation is but as a school we are following the latest Government Guidance and we cannot allow pupils or staff into school if they have any symptoms.



Any pupils or staff must not come into school if they have:

- **A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back**
- **A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (please make sure this is the case before reporting to school)**
- **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**



On the attached sheet we have put together two guides to support parents. This will help you make a decision about whether to send your child to school and when they can return following a period of absence.

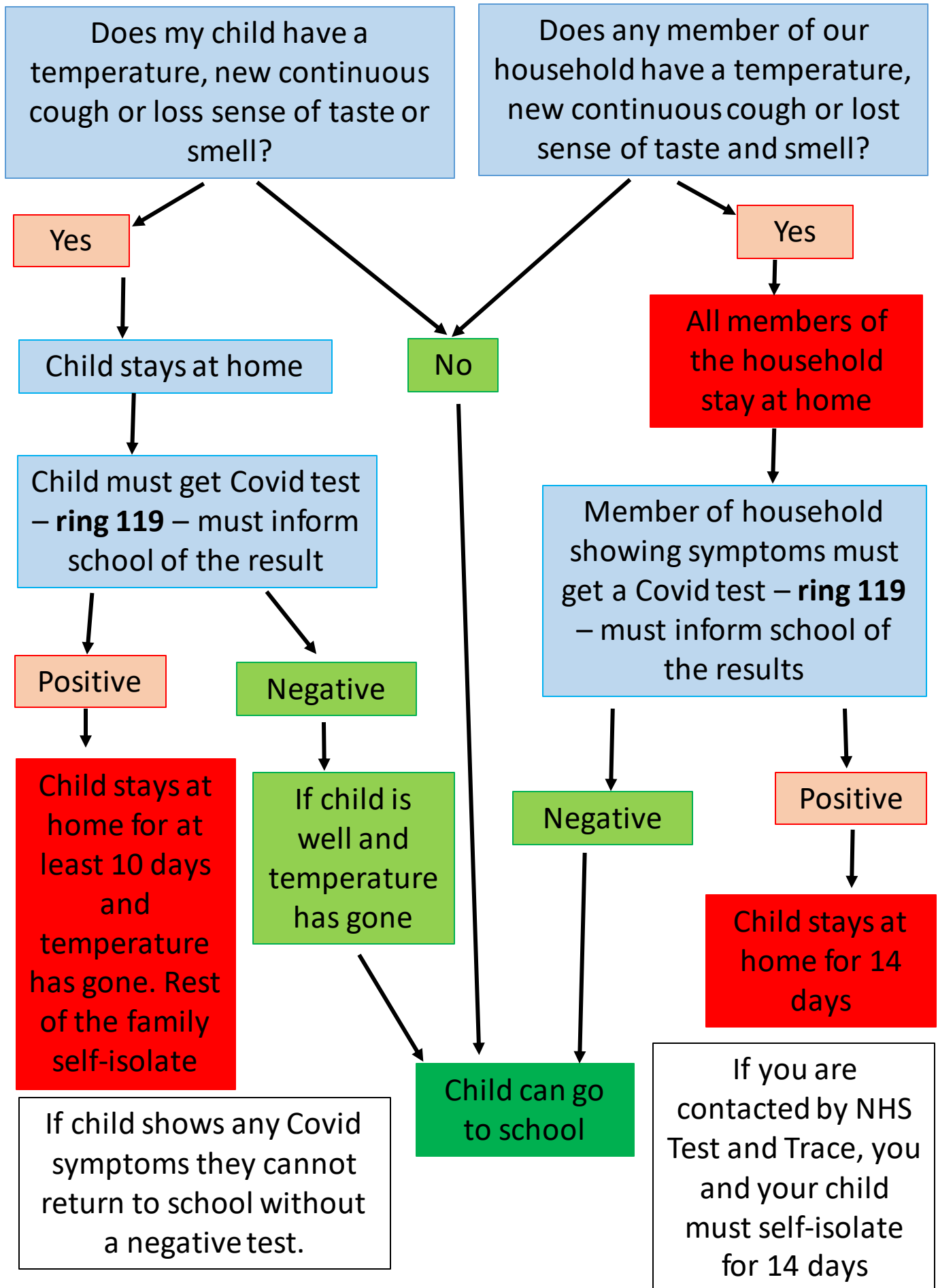
We are aware that there is a national shortage of testing but please keep trying. As soon as a child or family member has a negative test they can return to school.

We desperately want all our pupils in school but this must be done in the safest way possible and in line with government guidelines.

Best Wishes

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Covid Symptoms at Home Flowchart



Covid-19 related pupil absence

A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
<p>...my child has Covid-19 symptoms. A new continuous cough High Temperature loss of taste/smell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test - Inform the school immediately about the test result 	<p>...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.</p>
<p>...my child tests positive for Covid-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	<p>...10 days have passed since symptoms began, AND the child feels well.</p>
<p>...my child tests negative.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). 	<p>...the test comes back negative.</p>
<p>...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Ring on each day of illness. 	<p>...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness</p>
<p>...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	<p>...the test comes back negative.</p>
<p>...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>
<p>... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days. - Pear Tree children can continue to attend. 	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school. 	<p>...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.</p>
<p>... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms</p>	<p>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</p>	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>