



## **Returning to School COVID FAQs**

### **1. What happens if my child develops symptoms at school?**

If your child develops symptoms (a new continuous/persistent cough and/or a high temperature and/or a change or loss in sense of taste or smell) at school, we will contact the parent and ask you to collect your child **as soon as possible**. The rest of the household will need to isolate and the person with symptoms needs to be tested.

### **2. What happens if my child develops symptoms at home?**

If your child develops symptoms (a new continuous/persistent cough and/or a high temperature and/or a change or loss in sense of taste or smell) at home, the household needs to isolate and access a test for the person with symptoms. Please inform school that someone has developed symptoms.

### **3. What happens if someone else in my child's class develops symptoms?**

If anyone in your child's class develops symptoms, we will inform the school community and await the outcome of the test. It is not uncommon for children to develop temperatures or coughs and it is not always COVID-19, this is why it is important that you access testing. Only if the test is positive, will we advise close contacts to isolate.

### **4. What happens if the test is negative?**

If the test is negative, the isolating person and household can return to normal life as long as no one else has developed symptoms.

### **5. What happens if the test is positive?**

If the test is positive, that person needs to isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms. We will advise the close contacts that there has been a positive case of COVID-19 and ask them to isolate for **14 days**. This will usually just be the class bubble. We will also inform Public Health England and take any further action as necessary. After 14 days, if no symptoms have developed, children can return to school. If anyone has developed symptoms, they will need to get a test.

### **6. What happens if my child's class bubble has to isolate for 14 days?**

We have plans in place to deliver home learning in a similar way to during lockdown should any class bubble need to isolate.

If you would like to read more details, please follow this link to the government guidance around children returning to school <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

*If you are worried or have any questions about these arrangements, please come and talk to us, we want to ensure that our community feel safe and confident in coming back to school. We are still following government guidance around visitors in school and encourage email or Dojo as an initial means of communication.*

