

Managing Coronavirus in our Schools

Key Controls:

Our schools have rigorous risk assessments and protocols in place to make sure we are safe. The principles we are working to are:

If pupils are ill, they should stay at home. If they are ill with symptoms of Coronavirus they should stay at home and arrange to get tested. Please let your school know pupils are absent via the usual channels.

Distancing - We are reducing the opportunities for mixing and maintaining distance where possible.

Hygiene - We are washing our hands and using hand sanitizer.

Movement – we are restricting movement and in secondary school, pupils are wearing masks in communal areas where distancing is not possible.

Symptoms:

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **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 pupils have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus don't send them in. Let us know and book a test. In Oldham we have a wide range of testing venues and encourage anyone who wants to have a test to access one. You can access a test via NHS UK or by contacting NHS 119 via telephone if they do not have internet access. Our schools have a limited number of tests for circumstances where you cannot access a test via NHS UK. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result. All the household or support bubble must also isolate until you get your test results.

Pupils who show symptoms at school:

All our schools have rigorous procedures in place for children who develop symptoms during the school day. Any child with symptoms will be sent home into the care of their family and would only be transported to a hospital direct from school if it was a medical emergency.

Confirmed cases and Communication:

We will update all parents and carers by e-mail/letter if we get confirmed cases in schools. We have put together forensic planning for identifying contacts and our Headteachers and senior members of staff will quickly be able to narrow down the list of contacts. If pupils are identified as contacts, we will contact you personally by text/e-mail or phone call. If we get linked cases, we will be working with Local Public Health to agree any further measures. If you have any further questions, please email your school so that we can update our guidance or point you in the right direction.

Positive cases and contact tracing – who is a contact?

Our Headteachers will be leading school-based-contact tracing. They will refer to class lists, seating plans, timetables, school bus seating plans and obtain the details of who pupils have been spending time with at break or in clubs. The Local Public Health teams will trace “community” contacts, i.e. family and friends. We will look back on contacts for the past 48 hours since the positive case developed symptoms or received a positive test.

A direct contact in school is someone who has been face to face for over 1 minute and within 1 metre or within 2 metres for 15 minutes with a positive confirmed case.

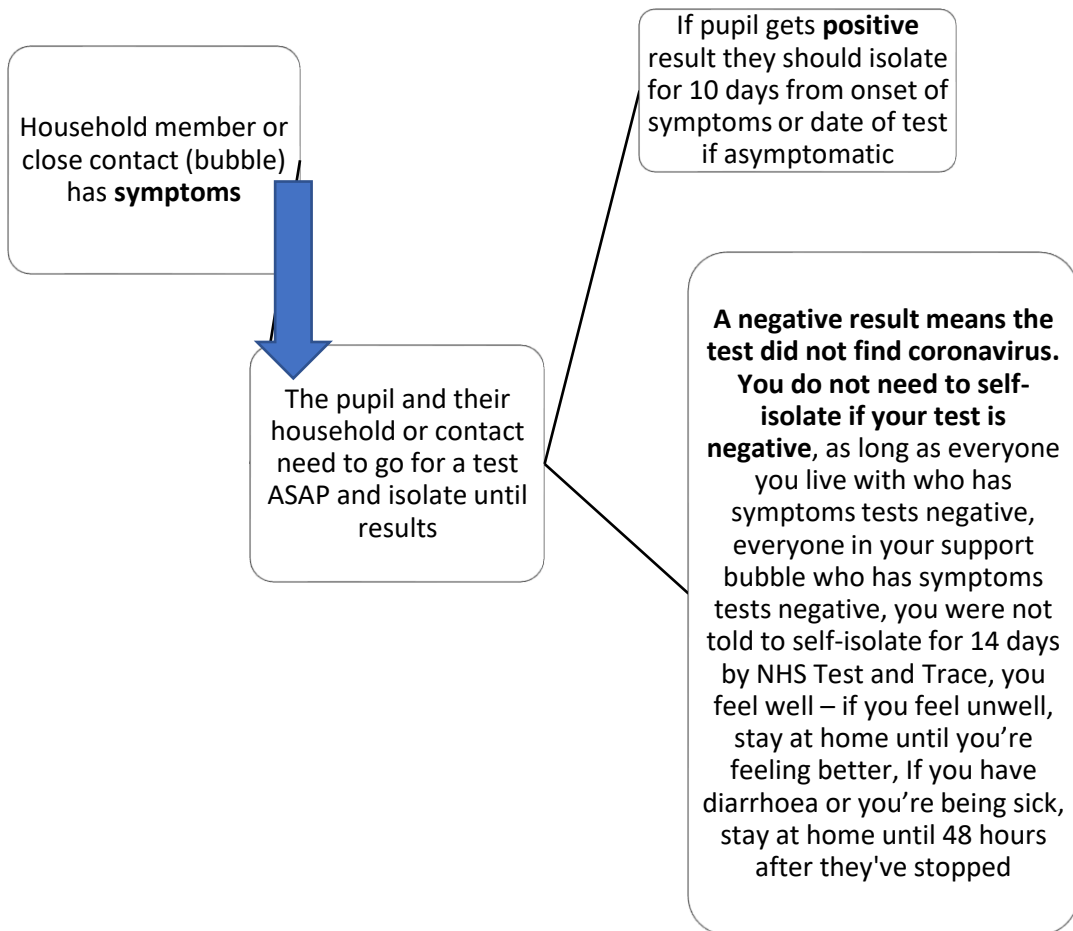


Our headteachers (or the senior staff they nominate to lead the contact tracing) will liaise with the Local Public Health teams to agree contacts and to let you know as soon as possible.

Do contacts need to isolate?

Yes, pupils who are identified as contacts will need to isolate for 14 days. Siblings and other family members **do not need to isolate** with them but please keep an eye out for symptoms and get your child a test. We will do our best to support learning at home.

Someone in the household (or bubble) has symptoms:



Someone in the household tests positive:

