

How to Respond to Positive Cases of COVID-19 (SHEET 3)



The main symptoms of Coronavirus are:

- a **high temperature**
- a **new, continuous cough**
- a **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**

Managing confirmed cases of COVID-19 ...

- Ensure the affected child isolates at home for 10 days from when symptoms started. The rest of that household need to isolate for 14 days.

- The School will immediately engage with the local Health Protection Team (HPT) who will carry out a rapid risk assessment.
- The School and HPT will identify and notify '**close contacts**'. The School will send home those people who have been in close contact with the affected child and they should self-isolate for 14 days. Close contact means:
 - **Direct close contacts** (face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre)
 - **Proximity contacts** (extended close contact –within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes)
 - **Travelling in a small vehicle**, like a car or minibus, with an infected person

- Any other children or members of staff who go on to develop symptoms should inform the School as soon as possible and the School should return to the start of this flowchart.
- A letter from School on the advice of the local HPT will be sent to all parents and staff, if needed.
Note: No names or details of the person/people with Coronavirus will be shared.

- Clean and disinfect rooms the confirmed case was using – ensure appropriate PPE are used.
- Maintain levels of cleaning in these areas - even if not being used due to isolation protocols.

- Cases and contacts can return once the isolation period is completed.

Links to useful guidance

Testing for Coronavirus:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus>

Stay at Home: Guidance for households with possible of confirmed cases of Coronavirus

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>