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Dear Parent/carer

Covid-19 Scenarios

This document may be updated as new guidance is issued. Please check with the NHS if you are in any doubt.

The symptoms of Covid-19 are:

- A new continuous cough (coughing a lot for an hour or more; coughing a lot 3 or more times over a 24 hour period)
- Temperature (a fever, or temperature of 37.8 degrees or higher)
- Loss of sense of taste or smell

If a child reports these symptoms to us we must send them home - we are not in a position to make a full medical assessment. If a child is coughing at school we will ask them if they have been coughing at home over the last 24 hours. If the answer is yes then we will send the pupil home. If the answer is no we will monitor to see if the cough continues; if it does, we will send them home. We do not have the medical expertise to judge whether a cough is a 'Covid-19' cough so we will always err on the side of caution.

If you need to book a test you should go to the NHS Test & Trace website: <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

Scenario	Action	When to return to School
My child has Covid-19 symptoms	Do not come to school. Contact school to inform us. Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days from the date of symptoms starting. Get your child tested. Communicate with the school about the test result.	The child can return if the test comes back negative OR ... 10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. (These symptoms can last for several weeks.) AND the child feels well. Any siblings must continue to isolate at home for the full 14 days.
My child tests positive for Covid-19	Do not come to school. Contact school immediately to inform us. Isolate the child at home (minimum of 10 days from start of symptoms). Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days from the start of symptoms.	10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. (These symptoms can last for several weeks.) AND the child feels well. Any siblings must continue to isolate at home for the full 14 days.
My child tests negative	Contact school to inform us – email a copy of the negative test to school.	Once copy of negative test has been received by the school then the child can return.

My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19	Follow usual absence procedures. Inform the school if too unwell to attend.	Child can attend school if they are well enough.
Someone in my household has Covid19 symptoms.	The whole household must isolate for 14 days from the start of symptoms. Contact school to inform us. Household member with symptoms to get a test. Communicate with the school about the test result.	The test comes back negative OR 14 days have passed since their symptoms began.
Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	The whole household must isolate for 14 days from start of symptoms - or 14 days from date of test if no symptoms. Contact school to inform us.	Return 14 days from when symptoms started so long as child is well and does not have any symptoms.
A sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to a positive case in their school.	Child at Ridgeway can continue to attend school. They should maintain 2 metre distance from their sibling at home for the period of isolation.	Continue to attend.
NHS Test & Trace or the school has identified my child as having close contact with a positive case of Covid-19.	Test & Trace will advise you regarding isolation at home - inform the school. If the case is in school the school will advise you about isolation.	Return to school once the isolation period has finished.