



# COVID-19

## Early Outbreak Management Advice

It is important that everyone understands what to do in the event of one of our school community displaying the symptoms of Covid -19. The Government is concerned that as schools return, the demand for testing will increase from individuals not showing symptoms. So to ensure we identify those with coronavirus while avoiding a huge increase in demand for tests from people without coronavirus symptoms, we have been asked to recommend to our pupils and staff who feel unwell, that they get tested if:

- they develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms:
  - a high temperature
  - a new, continuous cough
  - the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell, or
- they are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse)

### **If your child has the symptoms above...**

Please do not bring your child into school. Contact us to keep us informed and seek a test for your child. The main number to book a test is 119 or you can go online and input your symptoms using <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

One of our nearest centres is at Preston contacted on 0300 303 2713.

When you receive the result, please let us know. If positive result, your child will need to isolate for 10 days and the whole family will need to self-isolate for 14 days. Any sibling or family member in school will need to go home straight away. If a family member shows symptoms, they would need to isolate for 10 days from the date of symptoms but the original child only needs to be at home the original 10 days. If after 10 days, the child is still unwell – please keep at home until fit for the school day. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic.

If the result is negative, please inform school and the child can return to school.

If a child/staff begins to show symptoms in school, they will be asked to go home as soon as possible and in the interim; we will follow the protocol contained in Government Guidance.

7/9/20 Further to guidance from Lancashire regarding potential symptoms in children, which can involve sickness, diarrhoea, muscle aches, serious headaches, schools have been asked to send those children home to recover but as the Government helpline 119 adheres to the Government categories, they may not require a covid -19 test.

### **If we have a suspected case at Bretherton**

We will follow the guidance above and put additional cleaning in place in that area of school as an additional precaution.

### **How do I get tested?**

You can have a test (swab test) to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) now. You can choose to take the test:

- at a test site near you today and get your result tomorrow
- with a home test kit

If you have symptoms, get a test as soon as possible. You need to get the test done in the first 5 days of having symptoms

On days 1 to 4 of your symptoms, you can be tested at a site or at home. If you are ordering a home test kit on day 4, do it by 3pm.

On day 5, you need to go to a test site. It is too late to order a home test kit.

If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, you and anyone you live with must stay at home (self-isolate). Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.

### **What may happen at the testing station?**

When you arrive, it is essential that you remain inside your car with the windows closed and await instructions. Under no circumstances should anyone arrive on foot or leave their car.

When instructed, drive forward to where the nurse taking your COVID swab is standing. They will give you some instructions and talk you through the process. You will need to wind down your car window at this point and the nurse will verify your details and take the swab. When they do the swab, samples will be taken from your throat and your nose. Please avoid eating for an hour or two prior to testing, and bring a bottle of water in case you would like a drink after your swab.

The results will be communicated to you usually by text or email.

### **If we have a positive case at Bretherton**

Once school has been advised of a positive case, we will act swiftly, notify the parents of children within the class of the positive indication, and arrange for them to go home. We will communicate this via text, email and subsequent phone call. A template letter will be sent out to outline what the families need to do next. This involves their child in the class self-isolating for 14 days. If they display no symptoms, they can return to school after the 14 days. During this time, their family does not need to self-isolate. If the child begins to show symptoms, they will need to seek a test and act in accordance with the guidance (detailed above) if the child is positive the family will need to self-isolate for 14 days.

Our plan is that we will offer home schooling for any class self-isolating due to a positive covid test and where possible when an individual child has been asked to self isolate due to family member. This will be linked to Google classrooms and may involve links to Oak National Academy where work links to our curriculum.

When a positive case has been confirmed as well as contacting parents of the class (bubble) who needs to self-isolate, we will also inform the wider school community of it and of the actions taken. School Leadership will contact PHE for their advice through [www.gov.uk/health-protection-team](https://www.gov.uk/health-protection-team) for contact details. Our local PHE HPT will work with school to assess the risks and advise us of what actions to take.

We will answer the PHE questions, which may include:

- Details of your organisation
- Details of the cases
- contact details of the people affected
- record of pupils and staff in each group
- when the individual(s) became unwell or a test was undertaken
- when they were last present in the setting
- nature of the roles/job undertaken by any staff affected
- known links between the individual(s) with COVID-19 (in or out of the setting)
- number of people with which the individual(s) had close contact
- nature of the environment (for example layout and nature of the building)
- details of control measures
- has there been any contact with other agencies? for example Local Authority, Health and Safety Executive

If the advice from the local PHE HPT were to partially or fully close the building, resulting in the setting not being fully open to all pupils/students, then we would need to notify the Department for Education via the Education Setting Status form. Refer to 'School attendance: guidance for schools' or search the title on GOV.UK for details.

Depending on the outcome, our local PHE HPT and Local Authority may establish an Outbreak Control Team to help support school to manage the situation.

#### **How will we identify who a positive case had come in contact with?**

All groups in school are kept intact throughout the whole day. Our classes are clear bubbles. Staff who teach in two classes, try hard to maintain social distancing. Lunchtime is planned to maintain the integrity of the 'bubble'.

Contact (using the Government guidance) is interpreted as follows (taken from NW PHE guidance). A person who maintained appropriate social distancing (over 2 metres) would not be classed as a contact.

A contact is defined as a person who has had contact (see below) at any time from 48 hours before onset of symptoms (or test if asymptomatic) to 10 days after onset of symptoms (or test):

- a person who has had face-to-face contact (within one metre) with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), including:
  - being coughed on, or
  - having a face-to-face conversation, or
  - having skin-to-skin physical contact, or
  - any contact within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
- a person who has been within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) for more than 15 minutes
- a person who has travelled in a small vehicle *with* someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or in a large vehicle *near* someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

- people who spend significant time in the same household as a person who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

This information can be established quickly and passed to the PHE. Any concerns regarding an individual who believes this applies to them will raise this with the HT and a decision will be made using all the facts.

#### Are children accessing multiple ‘bubbles’?

Yes, children all form their class bubble. This is their primary one. If a child attends before /after school club, this is an additional bubble. Where possible, we will try to ensure that the number of children within this bubble that they are in contact with is kept as low as possible, we are not able to keep them within the same class bubbles as during the day. Currently any children from Class 1 and 2 are in a HUB bubble and Class 3 and 4 are a separate Hub bubble.

This may result in a positive case of Covid affecting more than 1 bubble. E.G. A child in a class who also attend after school club will result in the whole class being asked to self isolate and the children that child has come in contact with self isolating also (so if attended the HUB Mon and Wed after school, all children on that register would need to self isolate for 14 days. Their families would not unless the bubble child begins to show symptoms.

If a child attends an after school sport or language club, they may be forming a new bubble which will increase the possibility of the child being asked to self isolate in the event of a case within any of their bubbles. In sports clubs, their risk assessment aims for social distancing practice and outside which may result in PHE stating they are not a ‘contact’, however parents must be aware that this an extra bubble.

All school organised clubs after school will remain in class groups and the teacher will socially distance as much as possible.

#### What other actions could be taken?

- Enhanced hygiene, hand washing and cleaning regimes, and use of personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Increased staff/pupils/parents/carers’ awareness of and adherence to the system of controls.
- Temporary partial closure to a setting or building.

**In the event of a positive case, we will follow the Government 4 tier recommendations:**

**Note: Where there are no local restrictions in place, education provision should continue to remain fully open to all, and these tiers do not apply.**

<b>Tier 1</b>	Education and childcare will usually remain fully open to all.
<b>Tiers 2-4</b>	<p>In the exceptional circumstances where some level of restriction to education or childcare is required in a local area, local and national partners will carefully consider which of the tiers is the most appropriate one to implement. <b>Under the Coronavirus Act 2020, ultimately the decision to order the closure of school and childcare settings is one for central government.</b></p> <p>Decisions will need to be made on a case-by-case basis in the light of local circumstances, including information about the incidence and transmission of coronavirus.</p>

	Attendance may need to be restricted in different ways if there is specific health evidence that doing so is a necessary measure to help control that specific outbreak or transmission risk. As measures are relaxed following local restrictions, these tiers can be implemented in reverse.
<b>Tier 2</b>	Early years settings, primary schools and alternative provision (AP) providers, special schools and other specialist settings will continue to allow all children/pupils to attend on site. Restrictions for secondary schools
<b>Tier 3</b>	Childcare, nurseries, primary schools, AP, special schools and other specialist settings will continue to allow all children/pupils to attend on site. Restrictions for secondary schools
<b>Tier 4</b>	<b>All nurseries, childminders, mainstream schools, colleges and other educational establishments allow full-time attendance on site only to our priority groups: vulnerable children and the children of critical workers.</b> All other pupils should not attend on site. AP, special schools and other specialist settings will allow for full-time on-site attendance of all pupils. Remote education to be provided for all other pupils.

**Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person**

- COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings
- coronavirus (COVID-19): safer travel guidance for passengers
- supporting children and young people with SEND as schools and colleges prepare for wider opening
- safe working in education, childcare and children's social care
- coronavirus: travel guidance for educational settings
- guidance for full opening: special schools and other specialist settings

**This guidance is correct as at 8<sup>th</sup> September and will be updated as guidance changes. This information is intended as a summary guide and there is no substitution to reading the actual guidance in the event of a Covid suspected or confirmed case.**

**If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.**