Confirmed Case of COVID-19

Pupil/member of staff unwell with new continuous cough or high temperature or loss of taste or smell

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Suspected case

Individual immediately sent home and advised to get a test (via https://gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-covid-19-test or by calling the free phone number 119 between the hours of 7am to 11pm).

Individual needs to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the date of symptom onset (their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days).

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Positive test

Individual must self-isolate for 10 days from the date of onset of symptoms.

Their household should self-isolate for 14 days.

Positive test – Potential close contacts	Positive test – Confirmed close contacts
- Parents/carers of pupils in the same class or contact group as someone who has tested positive for COVID -19 will receive a letter from the school advising them to self-isolate for 24 hours. (Contact tracing undertaken during this period). - Parents/carers will be notified by a letter from the school within the next 24 hours whether a child can return to school and stop self-isolating, or whether they have been identified as a close contact and need to self-isolate for a further 13 day period. - Other members of the household including other children can continue normal activities.	If the contact tracing process identifies child is a close contact of a confirmed case: - A contact tracer from the Regional Contact Tracing Service or the schools will be in touch regarding self-isolation requirements. - Child **must** self-isolate and not return to school until a date advised in writing by the school. (The national guidance requires close contacts with a confirmed COVID-19 case, to self-isolate for 14 days since the last contact with the confirmed case). - Other members of household including other children can continue normal activities provided child does not develop symptoms within the self-isolation period, but should follow the general social distancing and extended household contact guidance during the isolation period. - Monitor child for symptoms during isolation period. - If anyone in household develops any symptoms, they must stay at home (10 days for the person with symptoms and 14 days for the rest of the household), and seek a test as soon as possible. - If child is well at the end of the self-isolation, period, they can then return to school.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE:-

- Schools will remain open for all other pupils (who are not required to self-isolate) with all guidelines being followed vigilantly so as to keep all children and staff safe.

- Individuals should only request a test if they develop symptoms (not if they suspect contact with a positive case). If a contact of a positive case starts to develop symptoms within their 14 day isolation period, they should book a test. If a confirmed contact develops symptoms, their household must self-isolate for 14 days.

- **Symptoms** of COVID-19 include:
  - fever (greater than 37.8°C);
  - new persistent/continuous cough; and/or
  - loss or change in sense of taste or smell.

- A **close contact** is defined as:
  - someone within 1 metre of you with whom you have had a face-to-face conversation, had skin-to-skin physical contact, you have coughed on, or been on other forms of contact within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer;
  - someone within 2 metres of you for more than 15 minutes;
  - someone you have travelled in a vehicle with, or seated near you in public transport.

- **Negative test** - If a close contact of a confirmed case receives a negative test result themselves - they will still need to isolate for 14 days from the last point of contact with a confirmed case.

- **Positive test** - If a close contact of a confirmed case receives a positive test themselves - they must commence a new 10 day self-isolation period. Their household must complete 14 days of self-isolation starting from day one of the onset of their child's symptoms.

- **Further guidance regarding self-isolation requirements can be found at:-**

  https://gov.wales/self-isolation-stay-home-guidance-households-possible-coronavirus.