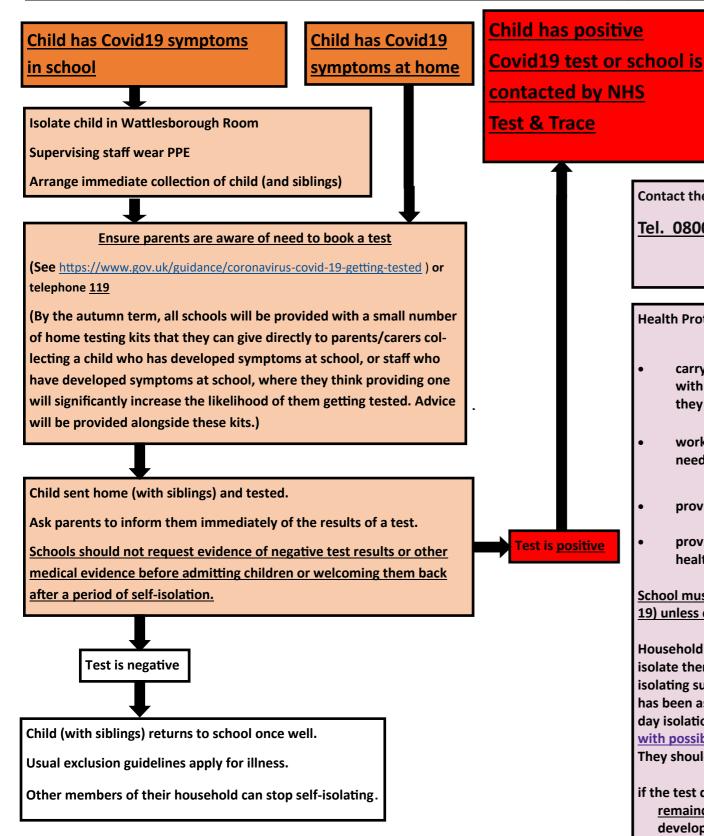
## Process to be followed in the event of a child exhibiting Covid19 symptoms in school or receiving call from NHS Test and Trace



Child and their family to follow the 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill with symptoms. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

Contact the DfE Helpline.

Tel. 0800 046 8687

Also contact the local Shropshire Council Public Health Team Covid-19 Cell.

Tel. 01743 251234 (9am-5pm 7 days a week)

Email. Shropshirepublichealth@shropshire.gov.uk

## **Health Protection Team will**

- carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate.
- work with schools in this situation to guide them through the actions they need to take.
- provide definitive advice on who must be sent home.
- provide template letter will be provided to schools, on the advice of the health protection team, to send to parents and staff if needed.

School must not share the names or details of people with coronavirus (COVID-19) unless essential to protect others.

Household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child, young person or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms. If someone in a class or group that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within their 14-day isolation period they should follow <u>'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection'</u>.

They should get a test, and:

if the test delivers a <u>negative</u> result, they <u>must remain in isolation for the</u> <u>remainder of the 14-day isolation period.</u> This is because they could still develop the coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.

if the test result is <u>positive</u>, they should inform school, and must isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 14-day isolation period). Their household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following <u>'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection'</u>

Based on the advice from the health protection team, schools must

Send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive.

Advise them to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious.

Close contact means:

<u>direct close contacts</u> - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin)

<u>proximity contacts</u> - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual

travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person

Schools do not need to ask pupils to record everyone they have spent time with each day or ask staff to keep definitive records in a way that is overly burdensome.

If schools have two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, they may have an outbreak, and must contact the DfE, PHE (West Midlands) and Shropshire Council Covid-19 Cell.