

# Springfield School

## Covid-19 Information for parents and carers

Please follow this advice.

People should only get tested if they have symptoms of Covid-19.

### Your child should have a test if they have:

#### a high temperature

OR

#### a new continuous cough

OR

#### a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back.

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more episodes in 24 hours [if they usually have a cough it may be worse than usual].

This means they have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

**If your child displays any of these symptoms in school then we follow the Government guidance and our risk assessment.**

**You will be contacted for your child to go home as quickly as possible. If for any reason, you are not going to be available then please ensure the office has alternative contact numbers. They are not able to go on school transport. Your child will be isolated from their group whilst waiting to be collected.**

What to do if.....	Action needed	When can my child return to school
<b>My child has Covid-19 (coronavirus) symptoms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not send your child to school</li><li>• Book a test for your child</li><li>• Whole household to self-isolate</li><li>• Inform school immediately about test result</li></ul>	<b>When test is negative and child is well enough and not advised to self-isolate by test and trace service.</b> If your child has not been able to have a test then see information in row below.
<b>My child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b>  <b>OR</b> <b>My child has not been able to have a test</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not send your child to school</li><li>• Child to self-isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms)</li><li>• Inform school immediately about test results</li><li>• Whole household to self-isolate for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</li></ul>	<b>When child feels better and is without a high temperature / fever</b> They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.  If child has had sickness and diarrhoea then they must be 48 hours clear of this before returning to school

What to do if.....	Action needed	When can my child return to school
<b>Somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) Symptoms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Household member with symptoms to book a test</li> <li>Whole household to self-isolate while waiting for test result</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	<b>When household member's test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms and if child has not been advised to self-isolate by test and trace services</b>
<b>Somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Whole household to self-isolate for 14 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) – even if someone tests negative during those 14 days.</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	<b>When they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without symptoms. They must self-isolate for 14 days even if they test negative during that time</b>
<b>NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact'</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Child to self-isolate for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) - even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> <li>Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact'</li> </ul>	<b>When they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without symptoms. They must self-isolate for 14 days even if they test negative during that time.</b>
<b>We have received advice from a medical official source that my child must resume shielding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Contact school</li> <li>Child to shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	<b>When school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</b>

### **Informing the school of test results:**

#### **Negative test result –**

- If you receive the result during the evening or early in the morning, then you must phone the office first thing to confirm this and to ensure your child can return that day.
- If you receive the result during the day, then you must phone the office to confirm this and inform them that your child will be returning the next day.

#### **Positive test result –**

- If you receive a positive result then you must inform the school office immediately. If it is out of school hours then email the main office at [office.7012@springfield.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.7012@springfield.oxon.sch.uk) and the head at [head.7012@springfield.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:head.7012@springfield.oxon.sch.uk)

### **If your child is a 'close contact' to a positive case in school –**

- You will be informed if your child is a 'close contact' and you will need to follow the advice above regarding self-isolating for 14 days.