



The Paragon School

Week 3 Covid Update, 25th September 2020

Covid 'Drill'

Symptomatic? Please stay at home...

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

On Wednesday this week we performed a paper-based exercise to check our systems and processes for dealing with a positive case in school. This was very successful and we were pleased with the robustness of our measures.

It did highlight to us that the biggest area of risk remains adult to adult transmission. We have therefore made the following adaptation to our risk assessment measures:

- **We would ask that parents arriving at school on foot please wear facemasks whilst on site**

We hope that these additional measures to protect adults and children at busier times will further reduce the risk of large sections of the school needing to self-isolate in case of a positive case.

Hand Sanitiser at School Entry Points

There should now be hand sanitiser available at all site entry points used by parents. Please use the hand sanitiser before and after operating any keypads, handles or gate locks. Please do let a member of staff know if the sanitiser is not present at the entry point which you use.

Informing us your child is unwell

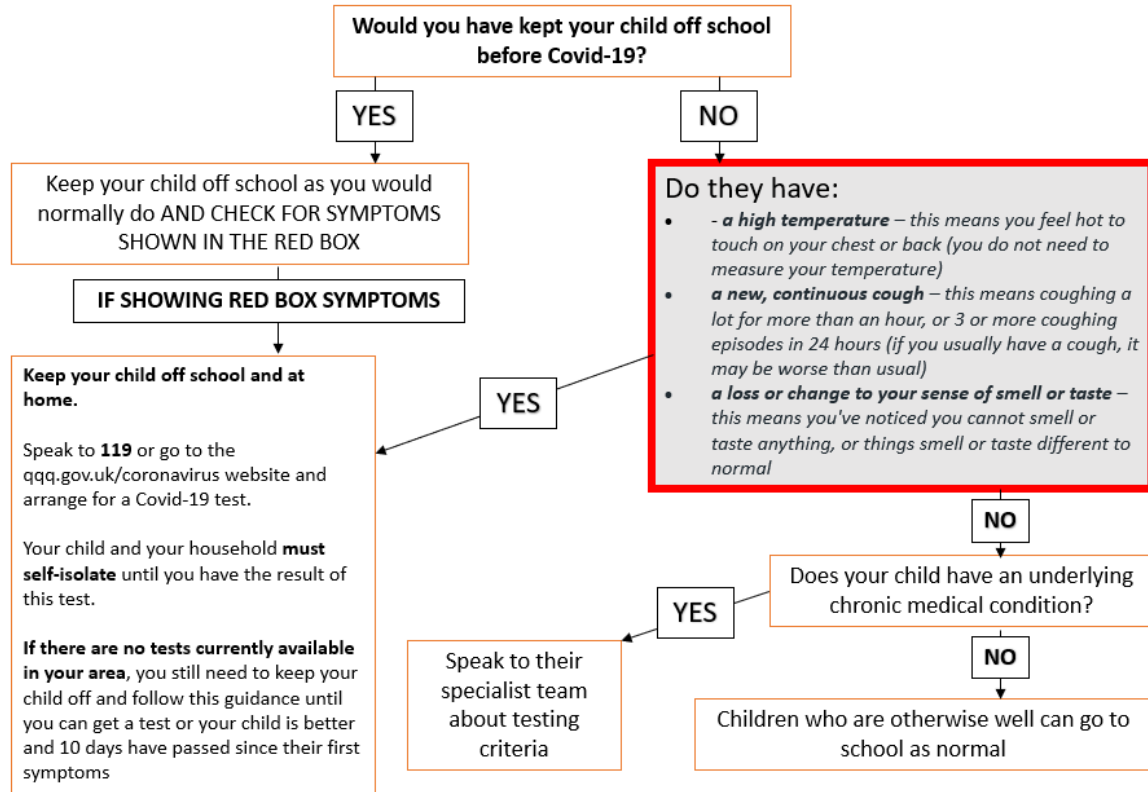
It is no longer necessary to call the school to inform us if your child will be absent. Please email your child's class teacher as well as reception.paragon@priorparkschools.com including your child's name and class and stating if they do or don't have Covid symptoms.

If they or someone in your household **ARE SHOWING SYMPTOMS** of Covid please could you provide us with the following information.

- date the symptoms started
- is it your child or a family member with symptoms
- do they have a sibling in our school or at PPC, if so which class/year
- the date of any Covid-19 test
- **It is vitally important that, before your child returns to school, you inform Reception of any Covid test results - even if it is negative.**

A handy flow chart

Unsure about what to do if your child is under the weather? The flow chart below is a useful reference point. Please note that the school cannot advise on symptoms.



In case of a positive test

PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOUR CHILD, OR ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES A POSITIVE TEST RESULT. In this case we will need to ask you some specific questions. These are the questions we are asked when we contact Public Health England and your answers will form part of their decision process regarding the need for others to self-isolate.

- *When did the symptoms begin (for each member of your household)*
- *When did you and your family members have a test*
- *When did the test results come back and their results*

If you contact the school to notify us that you or a member of your household has been identified as a "contact" of someone who has tested positive, we will ask you:

- *When the person was tested and when they began to display symptoms*
- *When you, or your family, came in contact with that person*