**River Exe Learning Partnership**

**Covid-19 Guidance**

**18th September 2020**

The headteachers of the River Exe Learning Partnership met to talk about the changes we have made to our normal arrangements since the start of this term. This is to allow us to learn from each other, and to share things that are working well in each school.

We thought it would help for you to have a summary of the advice we have had about when children should or shouldn’t come to school during the current Covid-19 pandemic. The guidance changes regularly, and we will keep you updated as the term moves along.

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| **What to do if** | **Action Needed** | **Return to School if or when….** |
| ***My child has Covid-19 symptoms:-***  **A high temperature:** in the range of around 38 degrees  **A new, continuous cough:** Public Health describe this as- coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours  **A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste** | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  **From when their symptoms start they are expected to self-isolate for up to 10 days while they wait for COVID test results**   * Contact school to inform us. * Contact NHS 111 for advice * Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days * Get a COVID19 Test as soon as possible. * Rest and recover   **INFORM THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TESTS AND RESULTS**  Agree an earliest date for possible return with the school: we will do this via email so parents are clear about the start and end of the isolation period | See below |
| My child has some Covid-19 symptoms **but they are unable to get a test.** | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  **Minimum of 10 days isolation from the day the symptoms started.**  **Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days – even if a sibling in the household gets a negative test during this 14 day period they cannot return to school before the 14 days has ended as they may be incubating.**   * Contact School to inform us * Agree an earliest date for possible return with the school: we will do this via email so parents are clear about the start and end of the isolation period | After a minimum of 10 days and the student feels well enough – even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell as these symptoms can last for several weeks. |
| My child had some symptoms and then **tests positive for Covid-19.** | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  **Minimum of 10 days isolation from the day the symptoms started.**  **Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days – even if a sibling in the household gets a negative test during this 14 day period they cannot return to school before the 14 days has ended as they may be incubating.**   * Contact School to inform us * Agree an earliest date for possible return with the school: we will do this via email so parents are clear about the start and end of the isolation period * School will contact the HPT who will provide guidance of next steps. * Probable that the class or year group bubble will be asked to self-isolate * The school will support the student with remote learning   If you still feel unwell (such as a fever) after 10 days continue to self-isolate and seek medical advice. | After a minimum of 10 days and the student feels well enough – even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell as these symptoms can last for several weeks. |
| My child had some symptoms for COVID and **then tests negative.** | **CONTACT THE SCHOOL**  As long as no-one else in the household has tested positive or has symptoms then discuss with a member of the Senior Leadership Team when the student can come back to school (same day/next day). | The child feels well enough |
| My child is ill with symptoms not linked with Covid-19. | Follow the normal absence procedure  Rest and recover  If your child is unwell with a cold/ stomach bug etc and too unwell to come into school your child will be recorded as ill on our attendance records. If your child is so unwell they cannot return to school for 5 consecutive days you will need to provide medical evidence; this is in accordance with our attendance policy.  In this climate parents are requested to make explicit why their child is not well enough to be in school. Being ‘a bit tired’ isn’t a reason not to be in school.  If parents have decided in the morning that their child is too unwell to be at school, the child cannot then return to school in the afternoon; they are either too unwell to come to school or they are well enough to be in school | With stomach bugs please wait until after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea if this is the cause of absence. |
| Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms. | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  **Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days from the day their symptoms started or until that person’s test comes back negative**   * Contact school * Household members should get tested immediately * The school will support the student with remote learning if the test is delayed**.** | Only return if that person in the household has a test that comes back negative |
| Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19. | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  **Self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days from the start of their symptoms.**  **Even if you test negative in this time you cannot return to school.**   * Contact School * Agree an earliest date for possible return; we will do this via email so parents are clear about the start and end of the isolation period * Self-isolate the whole household. * School will support the student with remote learning. | The child has completed 14 days of isolation and has no symptoms. |
| NHS Track and Trace has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with symptoms of confirmed Covid-19. | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  **You will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days from the date you were last in contact with that person.**   * Contact school * Agree an earliest date for possible return – minimum of 14 days. * The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if you have no symptoms. * School will support the child with remote learning | The child has completed 14 days of isolation. |
| We/My child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine. | **A minimum of 14 days from return date.**  **Self-isolate the whole household.**  Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel.  Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed, agree an earliest date for possible return. | The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed |
| We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding. | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**   * Contact school * Shield until you have been informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. * The school will support the student with remote learning | The NHS informs you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school. |
| My child’s bubble has closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  **Your child will need to isolate for 14 days and will be able to return even with a negative test result.**  **The school will support the students with remote learning.** | School will inform you when the bubble will be re-opened. |