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Procedures in the event of a COVID19 infection

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- 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
- If your child displays any of the symptoms mentioned above, they will be sent home immediately.
- If your child or any one in your household is displaying coronavirus symptoms, your child **MUST NOT COME TO SCHOOL**. You must book a test for the person with symptoms. Your child will only be allowed back on the premises if the test result is found to be negative; then your child can come to school on the next day.
- If the test is positive, then the infected person must be isolated for **10 DAYS** and the rest of the household for **10 DAYS**.
- If you are contacted by NHS Test & Trace because you have been in close contact with an infected person you must:
 - stay at home (self-isolate) for 10 days from the day you were last in contact with the person – it can take up to 10 days for symptoms to appear
 - do not leave your home for any reason – if you need food or medicine, order it online or by phone, or ask friends and family to drop it off at your home
 - do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for essential care
 - try to avoid contact with anyone you live with as much as possible
 - people you live with do not need to self-isolate if you do not have symptoms
 - people in your support bubble do not need to self-isolate if you do not have symptoms
- If your child returns from abroad, they must self-isolate at home for **10 DAYS** and **CANNOT** come to school.
- If your child returns from one of the countries on the Government banned list, then they must quarantine in a hotel for 10 days.
- In the event of a child receiving a positive test the local Health Protection Team will carry out a risk assessment and decide if any other children or staff, who may have been in close contact, will need to self-isolate.
- In the unlikely event of multiple positive tests, the Health Protection Team may recommend that a larger number of pupils self-isolate at home as a precaution – perhaps a whole year group or even the whole school.
- Therefore, it is very important that families follow the latest Government guidelines with regards to hygiene, social distancing and minimising contact in order to keep our whole community safe.