

## RESPONDING TO INFECTIONS/POSSIBLE INFECTIONS AT EDA: INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

COVID-19 is still an incredibly serious public health issue which must be treated with ongoing seriousness and vigilance.

Therefore, all parties must work together and follow the correct protocols, as outlined below, whenever a young person:

-Becomes symptomatic or tests positive

-Has contact with someone who is symptomatic or tests positive.

-Has contact with someone who has been contacted with NHS Test and Trace

The following information has been compiled from the following sources, which we recommend that everyone reads carefully:

[1.Guidance for full opening: schools](#)

[2.Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID19 infection](#)

[3.NHS: How long to self-isolate](#)

[4.NHS Test and Trace: if you have been in contact with a person who has coronavirus](#)

### 1.When Your Child Shows Symptoms of COVID-19

#### **At Home**

Do not send your child into school if they begin showing symptoms of COVID-19 at home. Instead, you must inform the school immediately and follow the testing protocols, as outlined below, as soon as possible.

#### **At the Start of the School Day**

At the start of each day, every child will be asked if they (or any of their household) have any symptoms associated with COVID-19. Should they answer “yes” to any of them, they will be placed in a well ventilated room, away from other students and parents will be contacted to arrange immediate collection. Once a parent has collected their child, they must then follow the testing protocols as outlined below, as soon as possible.

#### **During the School Day**

If any students develop COVID-19 symptoms during the school day, they will be placed in a well-ventilated room away from other students and parents and parents will be contacted to arrange immediate collection. Once a parent has collected their child, they must then follow the testing protocols as outlined below, as soon as possible.

### 2.When Your Child Has Contact With Someone Who Tests Positive

#### **Members of Their Household**

If anyone in your child’s household tests positive for COVID 19, your child needs to self-isolate, with the rest of the household, for 14 days from the onset of that person’s symptoms (or 14 days from the date of the test if that person tested positive without symptoms.) This must happen even if your child does not display symptoms. Indeed, if your child remains symptom-free, they do not need to get tested. They simply complete the 14-day isolation period and then return to school. If they do display symptoms whilst self- isolating, they must follow the testing protocols, as outlined below, as soon as possible.

#### **NHS Test and Trace**

If you are informed via NHS Test and Trace that your child has come into contact with someone who has tested positive, your child needs to self-isolate for 14 days from the date the contact occurred.

If your child remains symptom-free after being contacted by Test and Trace:

-Your child does not need to get tested. They simply complete the 14-day isolation period and then return to school.

-Other members of the household do not need to isolate.

If your child does go on to develop symptoms they must follow the testing protocols as outlined below, as soon as possible.

#### **In School**

If anyone in school tests positive for COVID-19, the Academy will work with the Local Health Protection Team who will advise us about who needs to be contacted and what action needs to be taken.

### 4. When Someone Your Child Lives With Is Contacted By NHS Test and Trace

If a parent/carer or sibling is advised by NHS Test and Trace or NHS119 to self-isolate because they have had contact with someone who has tested positive (at work or a social gathering for example) they will have to isolate for 14 days from the date of contact.

HOWEVER, if that household member remains symptom free, your child does not have to self-isolate and should come to school if they display no symptoms.

### 5.When Your Child Has Contact With Someone Who Shows Symptoms

#### **Members Of Their Household**

If anyone that your child lives with shows symptoms of COVID-19, your child need to self-isolate with the rest of the household, until that household member gets tested and receives their test results. If the result is positive, your child must continue to self-isolate for a period of 10 days from when that household member’s symptoms started. If their test is negative, your child can return to the Academy as long as no-one else in the household has symptoms or has a positive test.

#### **In School**

If your child has been in close contact with a symptomatic person in school, your child will not need to go home to self-isolate. However, if they develop symptoms themselves then the testing protocols would need to be followed.

If the symptomatic person that your child was in contact with subsequently test positive, then the Academy will work with the Local Health Protection Team in order to assess who needs to be contacted and what action needs to be taken.

## COVID-19 TESTING PROTOCOLS FOR PARENTS

1. Get your child tested *as soon as possible* and keep them isolated at home, together with all other members of the household, until you receive the results.

- Clicking on this link will take you the test-booking site:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-an-antigen-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>
- The drive-through test is the one we recommend as you can usually get one on the same day and the results are usually returned within 24 hours

2. If the result is **NEGATIVE**, you must:

- Inform the school immediately so that we can reassure any concerned parties.
- Send your child back to school as long as no other household members have symptoms or have tested positive\*
- Ensure that everyone in the household knows that they can cease their isolation as long as no-one else has symptoms or a positive test.\*

\* If anyone else in the household develop symptoms or tested positive during this time, your child, together with all other members of the household, must isolate for 14 days from the date of that person's test or onset of symptoms.

3. If the result is **POSITIVE**, you must:

- Inform the school immediately so that we can liaise with our public health protection team in order to:
  - Assess and confirm which students and staff have been in close contact with your child in school.
  - Ensure that these students/staff self-isolate for 14 days.
  - Determine what other action may be necessary.
- Continue to isolate your child at home for a 10-day period from the onset of their symptoms.
- Send your child back to school after this 10-day period, as long as they no longer have a temperature. A residual cough or a lack of taste or smell can remain beyond the period of infection, but if the temperature remains, the period of isolation needs to be extended until the temperature has gone.

4. Ensure that other members of your household self-isolate for 14 days from the onset of your child's symptoms