



The Paragon
School

Week 2 Covid Update, 18th September 2020

Informing us your child is unwell

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

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.***

Parents on Site

Thank you again to those of you who are dropping your children off on foot or by bike. Please could we ask that you stick to the bunting paths only and avoid remaining onsite longer than necessary. This is an important part of our risk assessment with regard to adults on site. Ongoing research confirms that child to child transmission is much less of a risk than adult to adult transmission.

Y3&4 process for drop off

Now that the children are used to our new drop off arrangements, we have slightly adapted the process for Y3&4 pupils. Pupils in Y3&4 will now register on the front lawn and sanitise their hands before being allowed to go down to their classrooms in small groups. Please note this applies to all Y3&4 pupils whether they arrive on foot or by car. Parents on foot should **not** take their children to the classrooms, only to the front lawn, sticking to the bunting paths.

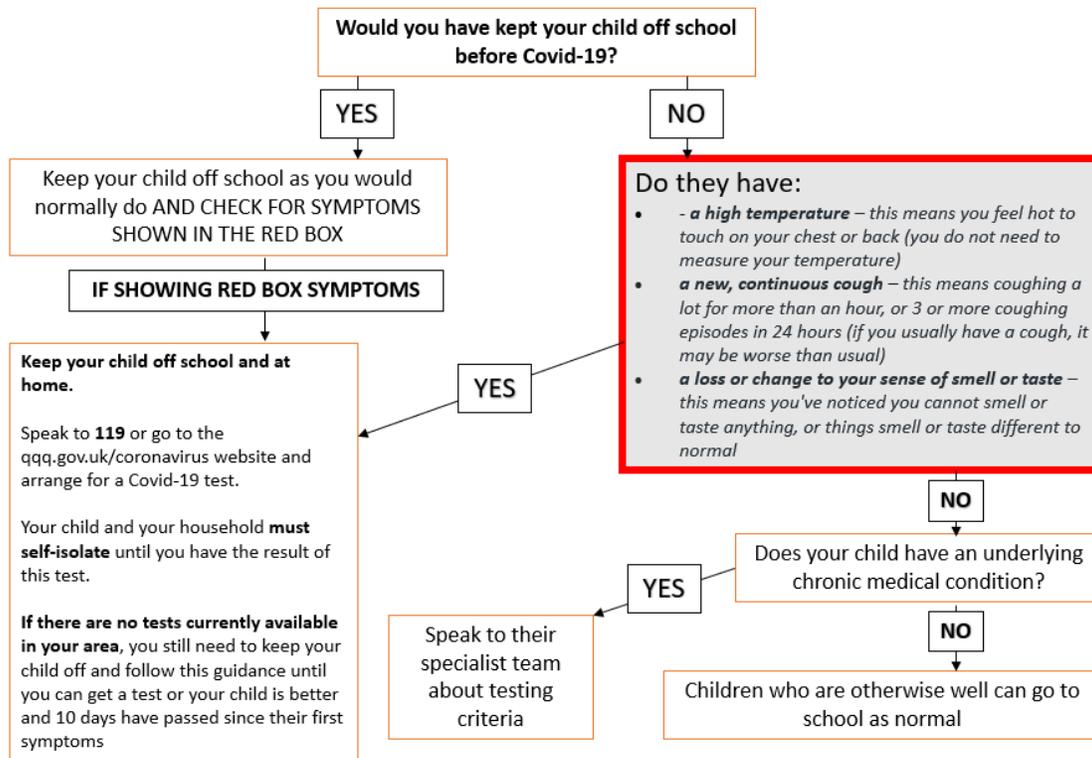
Travel abroad over half term

If you travel abroad during half term and, as a result, you are required to self-isolate on return, your child will not be able to attend school until your period of quarantine comes to an end. In the event of this, we

will provide some work in the normal way via Showbie, however we will not be able to provide remote teaching or instruction for your child for the period of isolation. Thank you for your understanding in case of this scenario.

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*