



# Wombwell Park Street Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

## COVID-19 School Attendance

I hope all of our families are managing to keep fit and healthy.

Our school continually strives to encourage children to have good attendance at school as we firmly believe it is a very important life skill to learn early in their school careers and prepares them for the world of work where good attendance is paramount.

I am writing with some up to date information regarding school attendance and instructions of what to do if your child is unwell.

We know that from time to time children can become poorly, especially during the winter months. Please note the following key points:

- If your child has a general cold and/or sore throat, for example, then it is perfectly fine for your child to attend school, if they feel well enough to do so.
- If they have a sickness bug, we ask that you keep them at home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea, to prevent further spread through school. On the other hand if you know that they have been sick because of something they have eaten, an intolerance or as a result of phlegm and therefore not infectious, then we would allow them to return to school as soon as they are well enough.
- If your child is prescribed medication then we can administer this in school if it is to be taken four times per day. If your child becomes poorly at school and needs to come home for rest and recuperation, we will call one of the child's contacts and discuss this matter. And of course we will always look after them until you get to school!

### Illnesses related to COVID-19:

At the moment, we have the added complexity over COVID-19 and its signs and symptoms, which of course do, to some extent, overlap with other illnesses.

Parents should look out for their child / family members displaying one or more of the following symptoms:

- **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

**Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.**

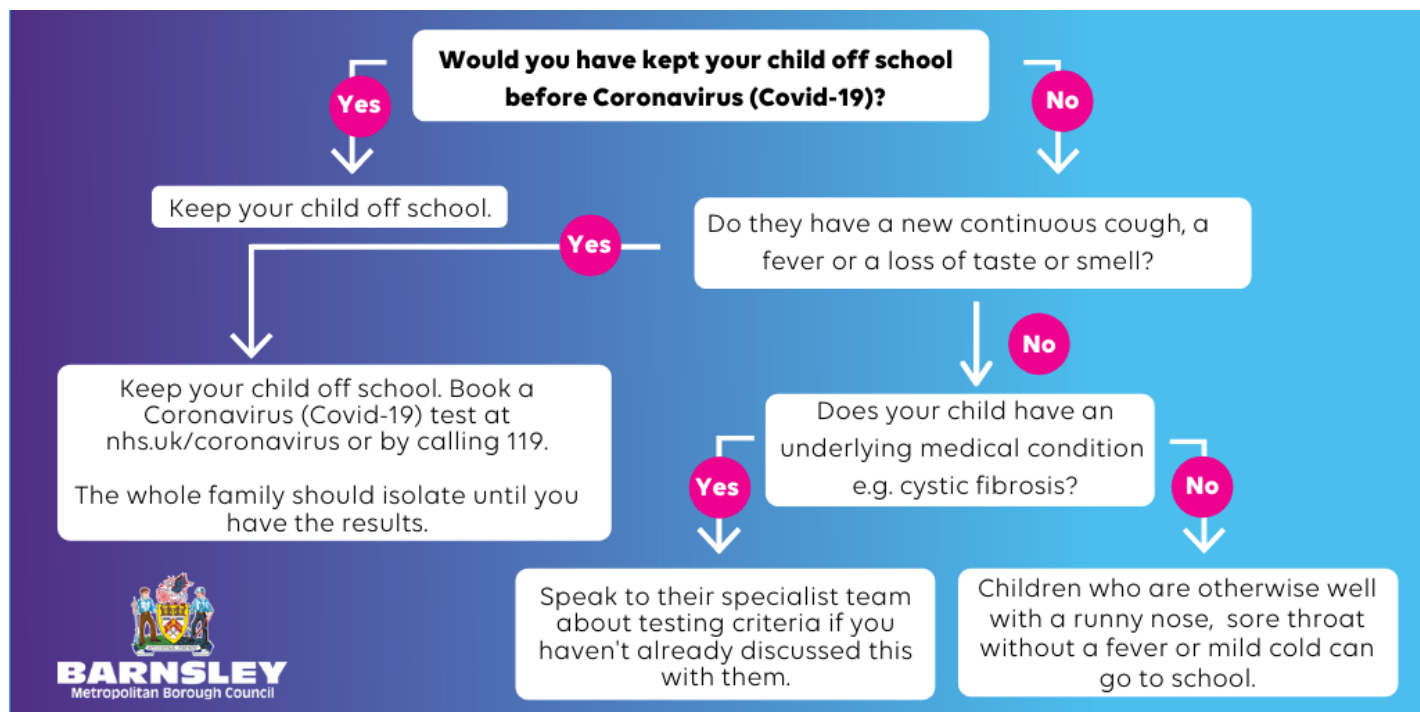
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If your child does show one or more of the following signs / symptoms of COVID-19, then we ask your child to self-isolate for 10 days and the rest of the family for 14 days. As soon as possible you should book your child in for a COVID-19 test (and any other family members showing symptoms too). Family members not showing symptoms would not need a test. Further details can be found at [www.nhs.co.uk](http://www.nhs.co.uk)

If any parent has any doubt as to whether to send their child to school, then please use the following flow chart which has been designed to help and support you in making decisions. You can always phone school on 01226 752029 from 8am in the morning and speak to one of our Admin Assistants, who will be happy to talk through each issue, case by case.



### Illnesses related to COVID-19:

Please see below some information from Barnsley Council on what will happen in the event we do have to close one of our bubbles:

**My child's bubble at school has closed, what do I do?**

**Do...**

- ✓ Isolate your child for 14 days, your whole household does not need to isolate unless your child begins displaying symptoms.

**Do not...**

- ✗ Attend any extra curricular activities with your child during isolation.
- ✗ Book a test, you should only book a test if your child begins displaying symptoms such as a new continuous cough, a fever or a loss of taste or smell.
- ✗ End isolation before the 14 days is up.

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# Closing school bubbles

If your child's school bubble closes, you will be asked to isolate your child for 14 days.



# Closing school bubbles

If your child's school bubble is closed, you do not need to get a Coronavirus (Covid-19) test. You only need to book a test for your child if they display symptoms such as a new continuous cough, a fever or a loss of taste or smell.



# Closing school bubbles

If your child's school has asked you to isolate your child for 14 days, you should not end isolation before this time.



# Closing school bubbles

If your child's school has asked you to isolate your child for 14 days, you should not attend any extracurricular activities or visit any public areas with your child.



I hope you find this information useful in managing your child's health and attendance during this difficult time. As mentioned, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact school.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs C Lawson  
Headteacher

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