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Dear Parents

We are in a period of time where we all have an increased level of concern or anxiety around the health of our children and ourselves.

What can parents do?

I understand it's very difficult for parents, as it is for school, to judge whether to send their child into school or not. Historically parents may have had the option of giving a dose of Calpol to their child and to send them in and see how the day progresses. If they continued to be unwell at school we would have sent them home. However we are now living in different times.

Please do not send your child into school if they are unwell. As a form of guidance please use the flowchart below to direct your thinking.

The criteria for obtaining a COVID test is currently: (you have to meet one criteria)

- A new and continuous cough. This means coughing a lot, for more than an hour (the sort of coughing you can't control or speak through – as a rule of thumb) or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- Complete lack of taste and smell
- A temperature of over 37.8 degrees (38 degrees)
- If you meet one criteria then you will be eligible for a test and you will have to stay at home until you get the test results. The child and your family, including siblings, will need to stay at home until the results of the test come in. If the test is negative the children can return to school and if the test is positive then you will be given advice regarding isolation.

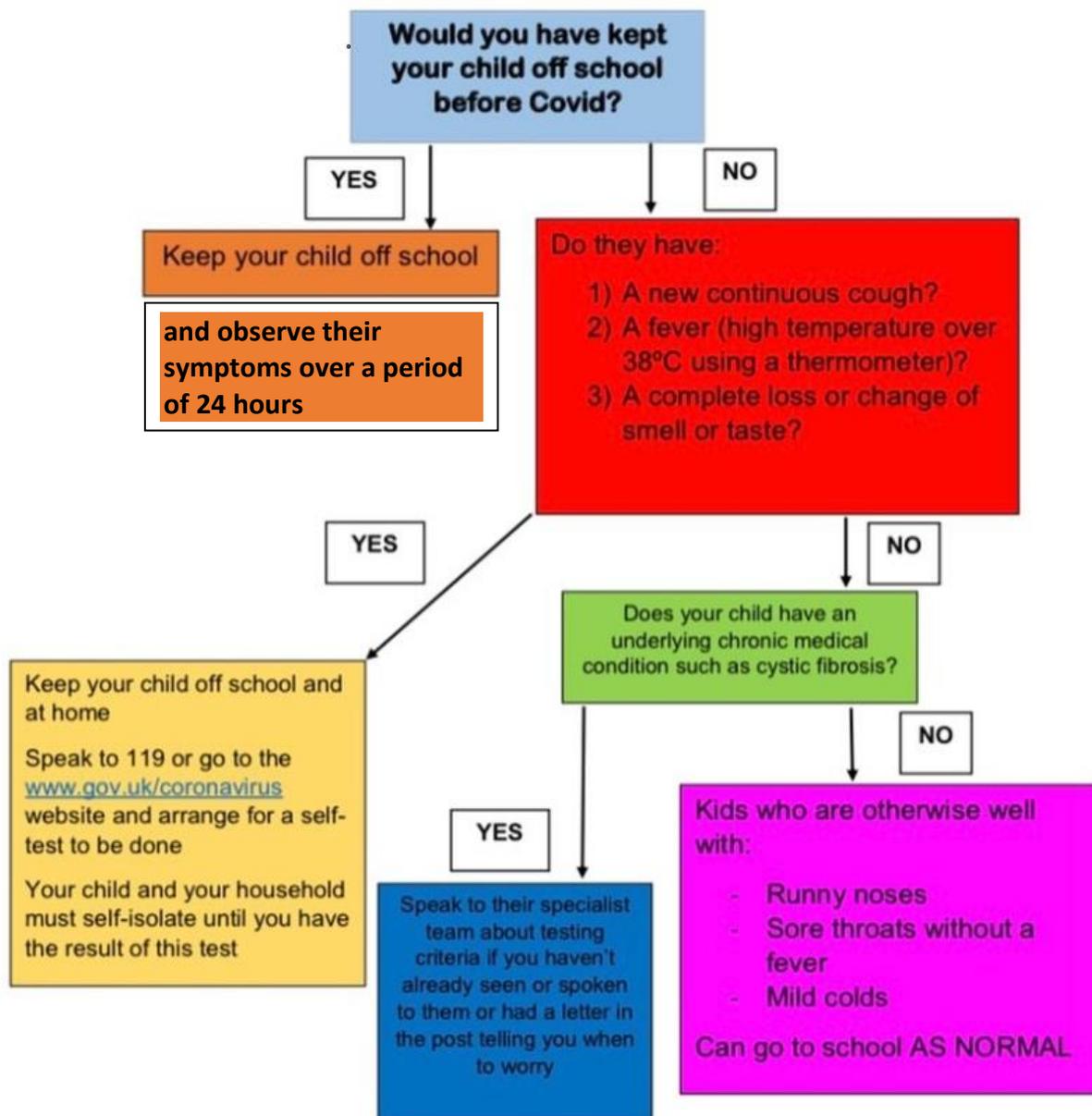
So what will we do?

If any teacher/TA has a child in their bubble causing concern we will do the following:

1. Observe how many times the child coughs in 20mins. What type of cough it is?
2. After observation and if still concerned the Teacher/TA will send the child to the office for a temperature check in the isolation room.
3. Mrs Davies will then run through a list of possible symptoms and observe the child for a further 20min.
4. Depending on the above Mrs Davies will decide if the child is presenting in a way that causes concerns and request that the office alerts the parent.

We will have a heightened level of concern around families where more than one child (or other family members) is unwell, where a child has more than one symptom or where there has been recent overseas travel.

We recognise that some children and adults may have COVID-19 type symptoms due to a long-term medical condition such as asthma or hay fever. In these circumstances, the school office would like to ensure, through consultation with the parents, that the symptoms are ongoing and not new to the child within the past 10 days, and that they have no fever. If their symptoms are new or have changed, they will be required to isolate at home in the same way as anyone with new symptoms, and access a test to rule out COVID-19. If your child has a diagnosis other than COVID-19 from their GP, please do ask them for a note and the usual exclusion times for the illness will apply.



I hope this provides parents with the guidance they may need if their child is poorly but of course I can only go by the guidance I have been given and as a parent you have the right to take your child directly to your GP if that is your wish.

Kind regards

Mrs Lisa Davies