TESTING TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS – COVID-19

Do staff members Has pupil or staff member become symptomatic of COVID-19? No Attend No live with someone school/setting as A new, continuous cough A high temperature A loss of, or change in, who has normal This means coughing a lot for more than This means they feel your normal sense of symptoms? an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes No testing required hot to touch on their taste or smell in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, chest or back (you do it may be worse than usual) not need to measure their temperature) Yes Yes Pupil/Staff member starts self-isolation at home immediately and accesses a Covid-19 test. Parent/carer/staff member informs school/setting of symptoms. Testing is most effective on days 1 to 3 and can be done up to a maximum of day 5. Staff member starts self-isolation at home immediately and informs school/setting of Parent/carer or staff member informs school/setting of the results symptoms. The person in the household with the staff member can be tested for Covid-19. Testing is most Pupil/staff member tests negative effective on days 1 to 3 and can be done up to a maximum of day 5 Pupil/staff member tests positive Staff member advises school/setting of the test result Pupil/staff member can Pupil/staff member must stay at home and continues self-isolation for 10 return to school/setting days from the date when their symptoms started. After this period, they can Household member tests negative Household member tests positive once 48 hours fever free return to school/setting if 48 hours fever free and feeling well; continue good and feeling well; continue hand hygiene. Pupil/staff member may return to work with a mild cough, which Staff member can return to school/setting Staff member must stay at home good hand hygiene. can persist for several weeks without being infectious. for 14 days from the date when the first unless they themselves have become symptomatic, in which case they should: continue person in the household became ill. After Pupil/staff member may to stay at home until 48 hours fever free and this period, staff member can return to the return to work with a mild Where the pupil or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or feeling well; continue good hand hygiene. school/setting if they remain symptom free. cough, which can persist for

If someone in a class or group that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within their 14-day isolation period they should follow <u>'stay at home: guidance'</u>. **They should get a test**, and:

several weeks without being

infectious.

group within their childcare or education setting should be sent home

and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of

that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the pupil or staff

member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

- if the test delivers a **negative** result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. This is because they could **still develop the coronavirus (COVID-19)** within the remaining days.
- if the test result is positive, they should inform their setting immediately, and must isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 14-day isolation period). Their household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following 'stay at home: guidance'

If other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise schools and other settings on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases a larger number of other children, young people may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.

What to do in a school/setting if you have a pupil/staff case of Covid-19:

Cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus) need to be reported to the **Health Protection Team in Public Health England** using the online reporting system available here: https://surveys.phe.org.uk/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=n4KL97m2I

Or by telephone to **0344 225 3560 (opt 0 opt 2)**

Please also inform Solihull Council on 0121 704 6892 or email brief details to contacttracing@solihull.gov.uk The School Improvement Team at the Council can also support.

An infection prevention checklist can be found at https://solgrid365.sharepoint.com/sites/council/Covid19SchoolReopeningDocuments/PHESchoolsInfectionPreventionChecklist20200527.docx

More information on teaching resources are available at the PHE website https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools This link may also be useful https://e-bug.eu/

If you would like some general Covid-19 advice, please phone the **Public Health department at Solihull Council** on **0121 704 6892** or email brief details to contacttracing@solihull.gov.uk

