## Friezland Primary School Managing a possible / confirmed case of COVID 19



Anyone displaying the key symptoms of COVID 19

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

should book a test by visiting: https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

- If a child / member of staff feels unwell, they **should not attend** school until they are clear of the diagnosis / feel better.
- If symptoms are presented whilst a child /member of staff is at school the appropriate procedures will be followed as outlined in the school risk assessment.
- Where symptoms are typical of COVID 19, the procedures prompt booking a test and isolating along with members of your household until the results are known.
- Following a test, where the result is **NEGATIVE**, if the child / member of staff feels well and no longer has symptoms similar to COVID 19 then they can end their household isolation and return to school/work. School will not request evidence of the test result.
- Following a test, where the result is **POSITIVE**, the child/staff member should follow the, 'Stay at home guidance' <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection</a> and must isolate for 10 days from the onset of their symptoms. After 10 days, if the child/staff member still has a temperature, they should continue to self-isolate and seek medical advice. They can only return to work/ school if they don't have any symptoms (other than a cough or loss of sense of smell/taste as these can take several weeks to disappear). If you live with others, all other household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the household became ill or if they do not have symptoms, from the day their test was taken. If anyone else in the household starts displaying symptoms, they must stay at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms appear, regardless of what day they are on in their original 14-day isolation period.
- Where a child or staff member tests positive, they should inform school immediately. School will follow the reporting procedures to the LA and Health protection team.
- Schools have limited access to immediate testing kits (postal return) which are NOT to be administered by school staff. These should only be used where the adult/child is unable to attend a test centre.
- The Health Protection Team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm any close contacts during the possible infectious period and **definitive advice on who must be sent home from school.**
- If schools have two or more confirmed case within 14 days or, an overall rise in sickness absence where COVID 19 is suspected, they may have an 'outbreak'. The school must work with the local health protection team to advise of any additional actions.

