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Dear Parent /Carer

Once again, this week saw the Government present further guidance on how we are to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. We have re-published last week's summary of what to do if your family displays symptoms. The government website provides more detail - <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

We have been delighted with the attitude and commitment our students have shown to wearing masks in communal areas. They have embraced the advice and been excellent role models for the community. We would greatly appreciate if you could encourage your family to:

- Wash hands regularly
- Social distance where possible
- Wear face coverings in all communal settings.

To further enhance the safety of our students we would emphasise the following:

- Students must be punctual for the staggered start and leaving times, moving straight to their tutor bases on arrival
- At the end of the day, students and parents should social distance and wait on the opposite side of the road rather than in front of the School
- Parking enforcement cameras located outside School will target drivers parking illegally or stopping dangerously outside the School
- Students should continue to wear their face masks as they walk through Heston Village so that both the community and our students can feel safe
- Wherever possible, parents should avoid coming onto the School site.

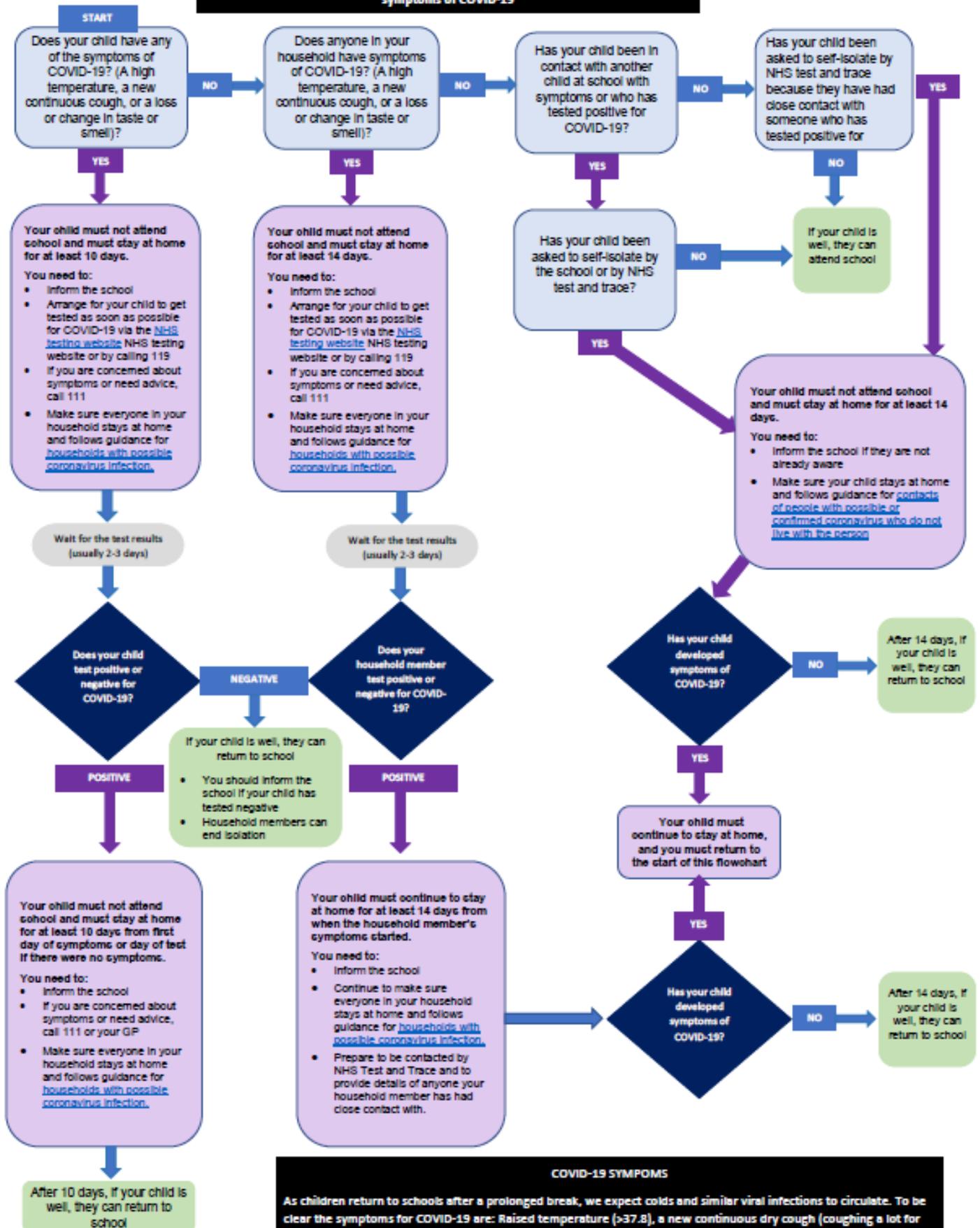
Earlier this week, the Prime Minister emphasised the strong likelihood that the restrictions will remain in place for several months. Therefore, we need every member of our community to contribute to keeping each other safe.

Finally, the weather is turning colder and wetter. Every child should have a plain black outdoor coat suitable for the varied weather we are now experiencing. Our Risk Assessment recognises that students will be outside during all dry breaks. On occasions, students may begin a break outside but need to move indoors as the weather changes. It is crucial students come to school prepared in the appropriate clothing to reflect the COVID-19 'new normal'.

Yours faithfully

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Deputy Headteacher

Parent/Guardian: What to do if your child or someone in your household has symptoms of COVID-19



COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

As children return to schools after a prolonged break, we expect colds and similar viral infections to circulate. To be clear the symptoms for COVID-19 are: Raised temperature (>37.8), a new continuous dry cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours, a loss of taste or smell (cannot taste or smell anything, or things taste or smell different to normal). Your child only needs to have one symptom to stay home and seek a COVID-19 test. If your child has a runny nose and sore throat (without any of the COVID symptoms) they do not need a COVID-19 test.