



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 2

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I have been so impressed with how the children have settled back into school life—yes it is very different to what they are used to, but they are handling the situation remarkably well.

Covid updates

I am afraid that this will probably be a standing item on the newsletter at the moment. There are so many uncertainties that many of you have about when you should send your child into school, when you shouldn't, whether you should get the children tested or not... I can fully understand the anxieties that many of you must have, because we share them too, as we want to ensure the safety for all of our community here at Craylands.

I was provided more detailed guidance this week from Public Health England, so I have decided to share some of the questions and answer section that they have included as it may provide some clarification. These are attached on the next few pages.

Testing currently for those with symptoms seems to be a very long process in comparison with how quick the results came through during lockdown. I have heard stories of people in Kent being asked to go to Cardiff or the Isle of Wight to be tested and there are stories of home testing kits not being available. So even when families are trying to do the right thing, there is a substantial wait for results to come through. This should not deter you from getting a test done however if your child or someone in your household develops symptoms. We have been advised that 8am to lunch is the best time to order home tests and just before 8pm is the best time to book for test centres.

Just to clarify with you all that when a negative test is received, we will not be asking to see evidence of this and as long as your child is well enough and you have received a negative result they will be able to return to school.

A reminder that the impact on deciding not to have a test is much wider than your family and I would ask those who feel they will not get a test done to consider the far reaching implications of this decision.

School uniform

The Friends of Craylands would like us to remind you that they have a website where you can purchase second hand uniform. They are currently updating with some new stock. All items are in excellent condition and have been washed/checked etc. They also have a small stock of footwear now too.

You can find uniform through the following link:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofthecraylandsschool1/324552>

Residential

In a change to previous requests, please only send in the interest form and not a deposit currently; we are still very uncertain as to whether these will go ahead and want to seek reassurance we won't lose deposits before taking further money. We will keep hold of any deposits handed in so far and return if we have to. Thank you.

Class Dojo

We will be continuing to use Class Dojo as a way of uploading assemblies, videos of things in school and sending home positive comments about the children in school. Please do check class dojo messages. I have uploaded a video to show you the magnificent whole school art display for the 'Just Keep Swimming' assembly... I was so impressed with the high standard of art work completed. Well done to all...it certainly is a bright and colourful display for when we come into the school building each day, putting a smile on all our faces!

Drop off/collection

A reminder for all to follow the one way system in place in the mornings and afternoons; please refrain from hanging around chatting on the paths after drop off/collection as this prevents others from safely socially distancing.

Important dates

11/9	EYFS group 3
w/c 14/9	Staff to make phone calls home
w/c 14/9	ALL EYFS 9.05—1130
w/c 21/9	Staff continue to make phone calls home
w/c 21/9	ALL EYFS 9.05—12.30 (stay for lunch)
W/C 28/9	ALL EYFS full time
15/10	11+ test
23/10	End of term 1
2/11	Start of term 2

No Nuts



Due to severe allergies amongst some of our pupils at Craylands, we would like to strive to minimise the risk of reactions by asking please that parents/carers do not send their children in with nuts or peanuts as part of their packed lunch.

The catering team do not use nuts in any of their ingredients.

Many thanks.

Stay safe! Mr Hiscock

Frequently Asked Questions taken from PHE South East

Hopefully you may find these of use...I am sure there are many more questions but this is a start.

Do we need to inform parents of suspected case in school/college?	We do not routinely advise that educational settings inform parents of a suspected case. However, you may still choose to do so based on your local knowledge of your parent body. Situations when you may decide it is helpful to inform parents of a suspected case may include when there are high levels of concern or discussion amongst the parent body, if there is media interest or if there are any other complicated factors at play.
What should/could a school do if we know that a student is not adhering to social distancing outside school?	Schools are only able to control what happens within the school environment. In terms of social distancing outside educational settings, you may wish to ensure parents have access to appropriate information. Some schools have sent letters to parents reminding them of general social distancing rules (e.g. children should not be having play dates inside each other's homes). National schools guidance provides further detail on behaviour expectations and how to manage this in the setting.
How can parents get their child tested for COVID-19 if they don't drive and therefore can't access drive-in testing facilities?	<p>Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 should arrange to be tested as soon as possible. Tests can be requested online - here for members of the general public or here for essential workers and their households following employer referral. Those who have problems using the online service can call 111 to request a test.</p> <p>If you cannot access a drive-through centre, you can use the same online/phone service to request a home test kit to be posted to you, which would then be returned via courier.</p>
What should schools do if a parent of a child with symptoms refuses to arrange for them to be tested for COVID-19?	In this scenario the school should do their best to encourage the parents to get the child tested. It might be helpful to find out what the particular barriers to testing are and try to address some of their concerns (for example if they think it would distress the child or that they don't have a car to access a drive-in service). Parents should also be reminded that in the absence of a test, the child and the household would have to isolate as if they had tested positive (i.e. 10 days for the child and 14 days for the household).
If a child/staff member has COVID-19 symptoms, gets tested and tests negative, can they return to school/college even if they still have symptoms?	<p>Following a negative result, the child or staff member can return to school/college, provided that they no longer have a fever and feel well enough to return. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.</p> <p>An important exception is if they are a known contact of someone who has tested positive, in which case they must stay off school for the 14 day isolation period even if they test negative. This is because they can develop the infection at any point up to day 14 (the incubation period for COVID-19).</p>

Can a child who has tested positive (or who was symptomatic of COVID-19) return to school after 10-day period of isolation, even if they still have a cough?	If a child or staff member has had symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) and/or has tested positive, then they may end their self-isolation after 10 days and return to school, as long as they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. If they still have a high temperature, they need to keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. More information can be found here .
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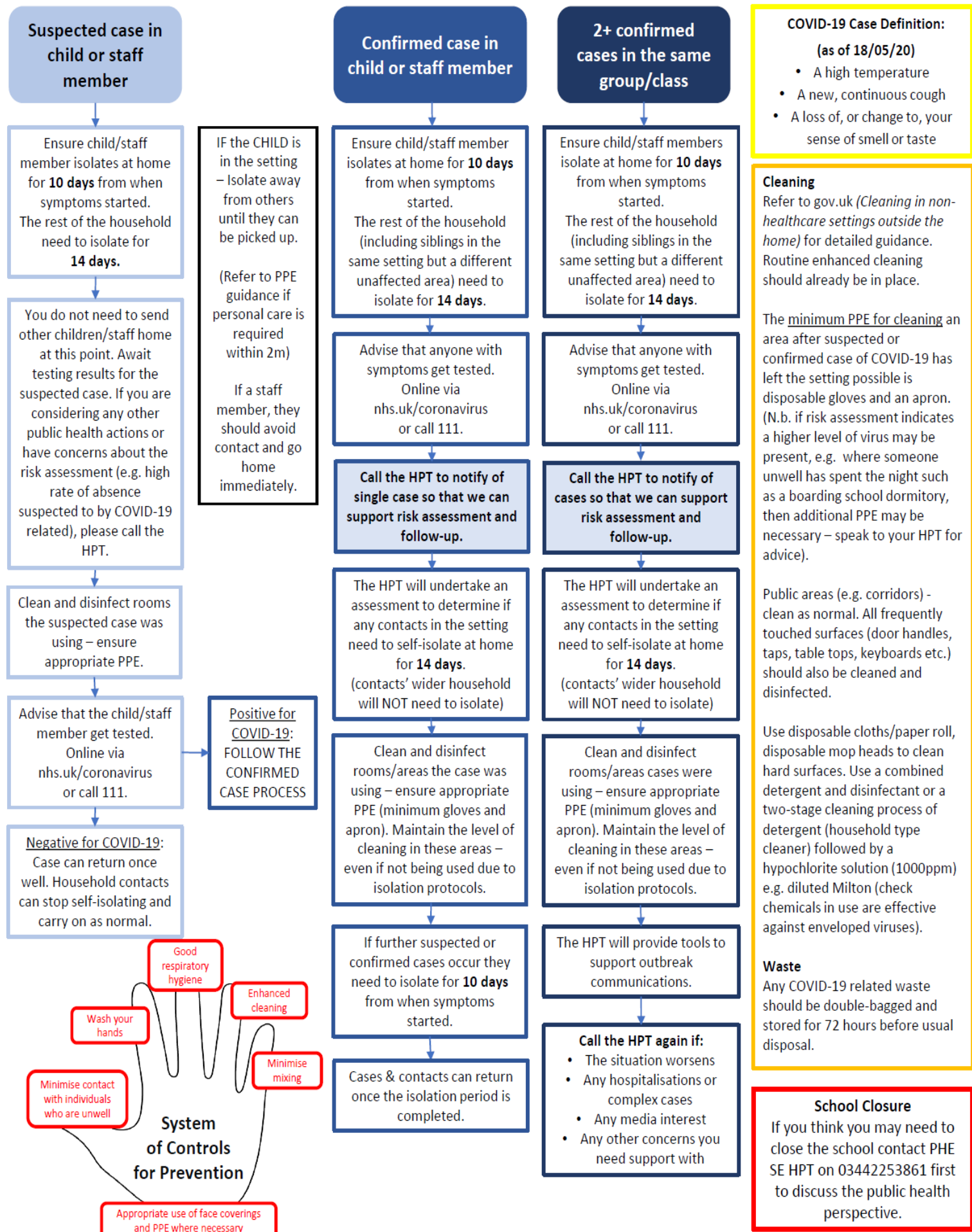
Should a child/staff member come to school if a member of their household has COVID-19 symptoms?	No. If a member of the child's household is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms then the child/staff member should isolate for 14 days starting from the day the household member(s) became ill and follow then stay at home guidance .
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If a child lives with someone who is self-isolating as a contact of a confirmed case (e.g. a sibling of another child in school whose bubble has been sent home), can the child attend school?	<p>If someone is a contact of a confirmed case, only they need to isolate, not their household contacts.</p> <p>If they become symptomatic however, they should get tested and their household contacts should isolate for 14 days.</p> <p>In the example given – the child whose bubble has been advised to isolate for 14 days should do so, but their parents and siblings do not need to isolate, as long as the isolating child remains well during that period. The sibling could continue to attend school.</p>
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If a contact tests negative within their recommended isolation period, can they return to setting?	No. They must stay off school for the full 14 day isolation period, even if they test negative. This is because they can develop the infection at any point up to day 14 (the incubation period for COVID-19).
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How will school pickups and drop offs be dealt with if one child is meant to stay at home and one is meant to be at school?	If one child is isolating as they have been in contact with a confirmed case, they need to stay at home. They should not be accompanying the other child to school drop off. Parents should explore their options for transporting the child who is not isolating to school.
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Updated Flow Diagram that the school will be following from PHE



Times Tables Rockstars



Last week's results....	This week's battles.....
<p>Morpurgo vs Horowitz SOMETHING WENT WRONG WITH THIS BATTLE THIS WEEK</p> <p>Simon vs Walliam 100 175 WALLIAMS WINS!</p> <p>Wilson vs Dahl 346 197 WILSON WINS!</p> <p>Stickman vs Gruffalo 0 0 PERHAPS SOMETHING WENT WRONG WITH THIS BATTLE ALSO</p>	<p>Morpurgo vs Horowitz</p> <p>Simon vs Walliams</p> <p>Wilson vs Dahl</p> <p>Stickman vs Gruffalo</p>

TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH CLASS (it would appear something has gone very wrong this week—I shall try to fix it!)

<p><u>Elmer</u> No accounts yet</p>	<p><u>Funnybones</u> No accounts yet</p>	<p><u>Stickman</u> No scores saved</p>	<p><u>Gruffalo</u> No scores saved</p>	<p><u>Dahl</u> No scores saved</p>
<p><u>Wilson</u> Eva P Eleanor Grishiga</p>	<p><u>Walliams</u> Ben Izzie Olivia P</p>	<p><u>Simon</u> Tristan Jack Selina</p>	<p><u>Horowitz</u> No scores saved</p>	<p><u>Morpurgo</u> Hanisga Dan Poppy</p>

Lenny's letter

Each week, this newsletter will celebrate all those at The Craylands School who received a Craylearner certificate, R.O.A.R. certificate, HERO bear and the winning team.

Our pupils really are champions at Craylands!



Hungry C		Dahl	Thomas M
Rainbow Fish		Wilson	Frankie
Elmer	George W	Walliams	Thomas
Funnybones	Faith	Simon	Luke
Gruffalo	Tamaya	Horowitz	Jessica S
Stickman	Aiza	Morpurgo	Ollie

The R.O.A.R. certificates were issued to.....

Hungry C		Dahl	Amber
Rainbow Fish		Wilson	Ayan
Elmer	Mae	Walliams	Toby
Funnybones	Emilija	Simon	Emily B
Gruffalo	Alexander	Horowitz	Michael C
Stickman	Finley	Morpurgo	Dan & Hanisga



This week's winning team is...

This week's HERO (Here Every day Ready On time) Attendance Bear is awarded to ...

Y2 Stickman Class



Achievements outside of school...

Joe in Morpurgo class has been selected to represent the Dartford district as the goalkeeper for the team. This is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of you... well done!