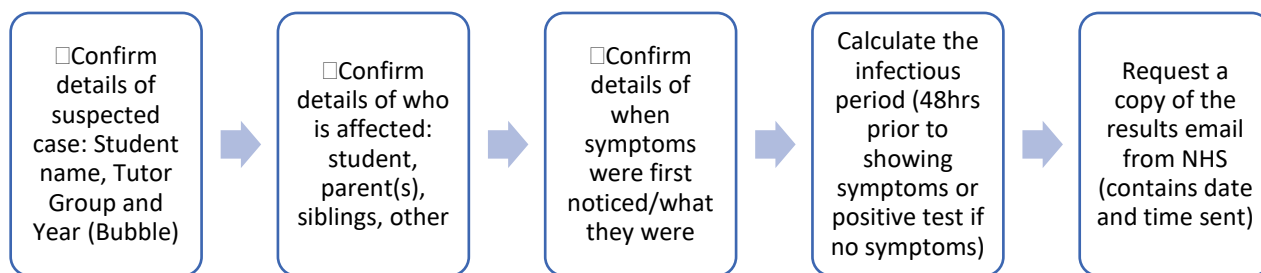


# How do we respond to a positive Covid 19 test at school?

## (And other Frequently Asked Questions)

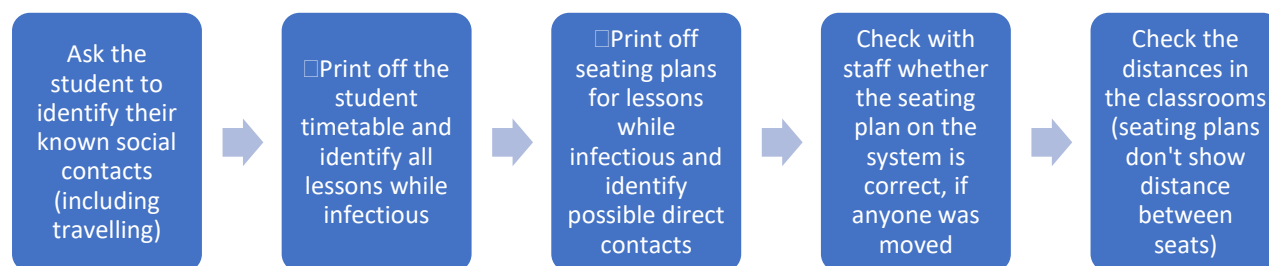
The following steps have been those advised by Public Health England and the Local Health Protection Team.

### Stage 1: Information gathering to inform next steps



*Following this stage there may be no further action if the student was not in school during the period of time that they were infectious (we have had cases where they have already been self-isolating due to another member of their household having a positive test and so no action required at school) other than their own self-isolation. If they were in school whilst infectious, we call the local health protection team.*

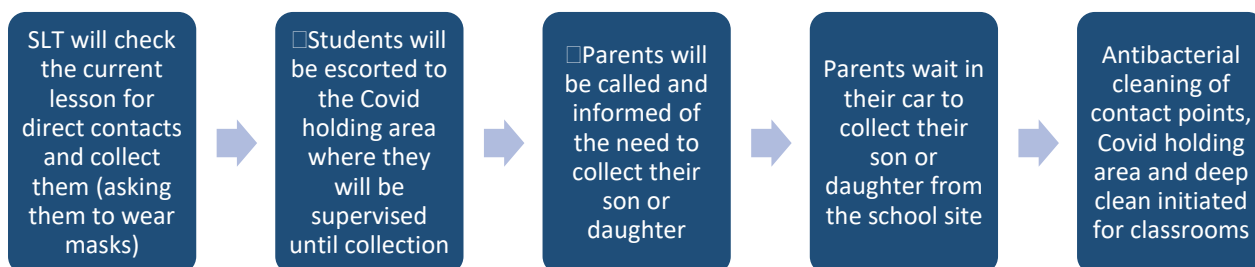
### Stage 2: Identification of 'direct contacts\*'



*A direct contact is defined as:*

- *Face to face contact with a person with a positive coronavirus test result, for any length of time within 1m, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, unprotected physical contact (skin to skin). This includes exposure within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer.*
- *Proximity contacts: Extended close contact (within 2m for more than 15 minutes) with a person with a positive coronavirus test result.*
- *Small vehicle contacts: Travelled in a small vehicle with a person with a positive coronavirus test result.*

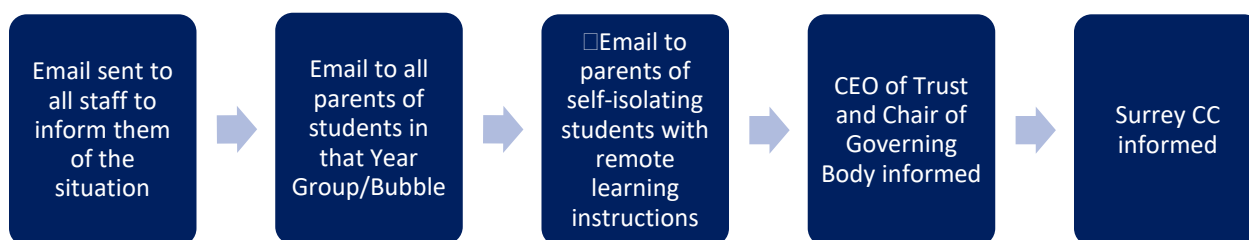
### Stage 3: Collection, holding and self-isolation



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*The student with the positive Covid test will be required to self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or the positive test and the direct contacts for 14 days (to allow for the incubation period of the virus)*

### Stage 4: Communications



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### Frequently asked questions:

Q. My son/daughter sits next to \_\_\_\_ in one of their lessons, why have they not been identified as a direct contact?

A. Usually this is because the lesson that they sit next to them is not one of the lessons that they had during the time they were infectious

Q. If my child has a test and it is negative test result whilst they are self-isolating can they return to school before the end of the 14-day period?

A. No, because the virus is not detectable during the incubation period and so a negative test result does not mean that you have not contracted it as a direct contact.