PARENT BULLETIN
Week Ending: Friday 25th September 2020

Note from the Headteacher, Ms A Sharma:

Last week some of our governors took a tour of the school to satisfy themselves about the standards and the extent to which the new routines and procedures are working. I am pleased to report that they were very impressed with not only the arrangements in place to safeguard students and staff from COVID-19 transmission but also about students' behaviour and attitudes.

One of the things I am disappointed about currently is the number of students arriving late to school in the morning. Please ensure that your child leaves in plenty of time to arrive at Villiers between 8:15-8:25am. They must be seated in their classrooms by 8:30am ready to learn.

We have received many congratulations and well wishes following our recent success at the Pearson Teaching Awards which includes emails from Julian Bell, the Leader of Council, our local councilors and a letter which we received from the local MP, Mr Virendra Sharma, I am attaching this for your information.

Schools that admit pupils at the beginning of Year 10:

Parents and carers of students who are currently in Year 9 and who have received a letter from Ealing Children's and Adults Services this week, please note, you do **not** need to take any action **unless** you wish to move your child to a University Technical College or Studio school to follow technical courses.

NHS Covid 19 App:

The App has been launched to help control the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). It will do this by alerting people who may have been exposed to infection so that they can take action. The App is available to download on smartphones for anyone aged 16 or over. This means that some students in Year 11 as well as students in Years 12 and 13 will be eligible to use the App. NHS Test and Trace has published guidance and resources to support the use of the App, which are available to download. Please take the time to read this information, which is attached.

Year 11 Preparation for Exam Success evening:

Due to current restrictions, Year 11 Preparation for Exam Success evening will be held virtually. More information and resources will be available on the school website from Thursday 1st October.

Student Absence:

If your child is absent from school, please let us know either by phoning the school number or sending an email. If you know that the absence will be for more than one day, please let us know the expected length of absence when you contact us. If the absence is only known on a day to day basis, please contact us at the start of each day of absence. Please call the attendance officer on 020 8867 9077 and you will be able to leave a voicemail message to let us know that your child will be absent from school.

Alternatively, you can send an email to Studentabsence@villiers.ealing.sch.uk. Please include your child's name, their year group and, if possible, their tutor group. Please ensure this is done by 9am each day.

Sixth Form Parental support:

Year 11 and 13 pupils have received the following message in the Pupil bulletin.

"Year 11 & Year 13 Study skills: Think carefully about topic priorities. It is easy to be overwhelmed with the amount of revision you need to do for GCSE, BTEC or A level exams. A strategy to manage time better is to get the specification and give yourself a confidence score for each topic. E.g. business objectives is 8/10 but balance sheets is 3/10. When you do revise topics, prioritise those with low confidence scores. Review the confidence scores regularly (maybe once a month for each subject) and hopefully as the weeks go on, each score will rise. Simple to do and will really help you to develop your knowledge in the right areas. Progress check: how have you progressed with this task? Have you managed to gather the specifications for all subjects and units? How many have you reviewed? Please aim to focus on this over the next fortnight

and complete this by *Friday 9th October 2020."*
Please monitor how they are progressing with the task above.

Parental Concerns:

If you have any issues or concerns about your child, then please contact their Head of Year in the first instance. If your issue, cannot be resolved and you would like meet with the Headteacher, please email info@villiers.ealing.sch.uk

ParentPay / Healthy Packed Lunches:

Please also remember to top up your child's ParentPay account before they return to school. This is a fully cashless school and we are unable to take payments except through ParentPay. Students can also bring a healthy packed lunch. Please avoid any fizzy drinks, crisps and chocolates and provide healthier snacks such as fruit, yoghurt and a sandwich or a wrap.

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21st September 2020

Dear Ms Sharma

I wanted to take this opportunity to offer my heartiest congratulations for achieving such success in the Secondary School of the Year competition. In our local community we know how amazing you have been, but it brings great delight to see it recognised nationally.

It is especially gratifying to see you recognised as a 'school for all' that embraces students from many countries and with many languages at the heart of its community. The nature of Villiers, the work you do with the community and how rooted you are in society all plays a part in making Villiers the success it is today.

The staff, pupils and parents all had a part to play in securing this honour and you also have my best wishes for success in the next round of the competition. I know you deserve to be recognised for all your work, and I hope that translates into a Gold Award.

It has always been a great pleasure to engage with Villiers over the years, and I have been lucky enough to meet your pupils at all stages of their schooling, from those who have just started to your leavers who have all on every occasion been unfailingly polite, bright and inquisitive. Just a couple of months ago I was delighted to meet some of your Sixth Formers for a youth summit and was incredibly impressed by their maturity and insight.

Good luck for the competition and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Best wishes

Virendra Sharma MP

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NHS Test and Trace

23 September 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:

    1. **a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)

    2. **a new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours

    3. **a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal

- Your child **does not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.

- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and **only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.**

- If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate **does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.**

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Viv Bennett CBE

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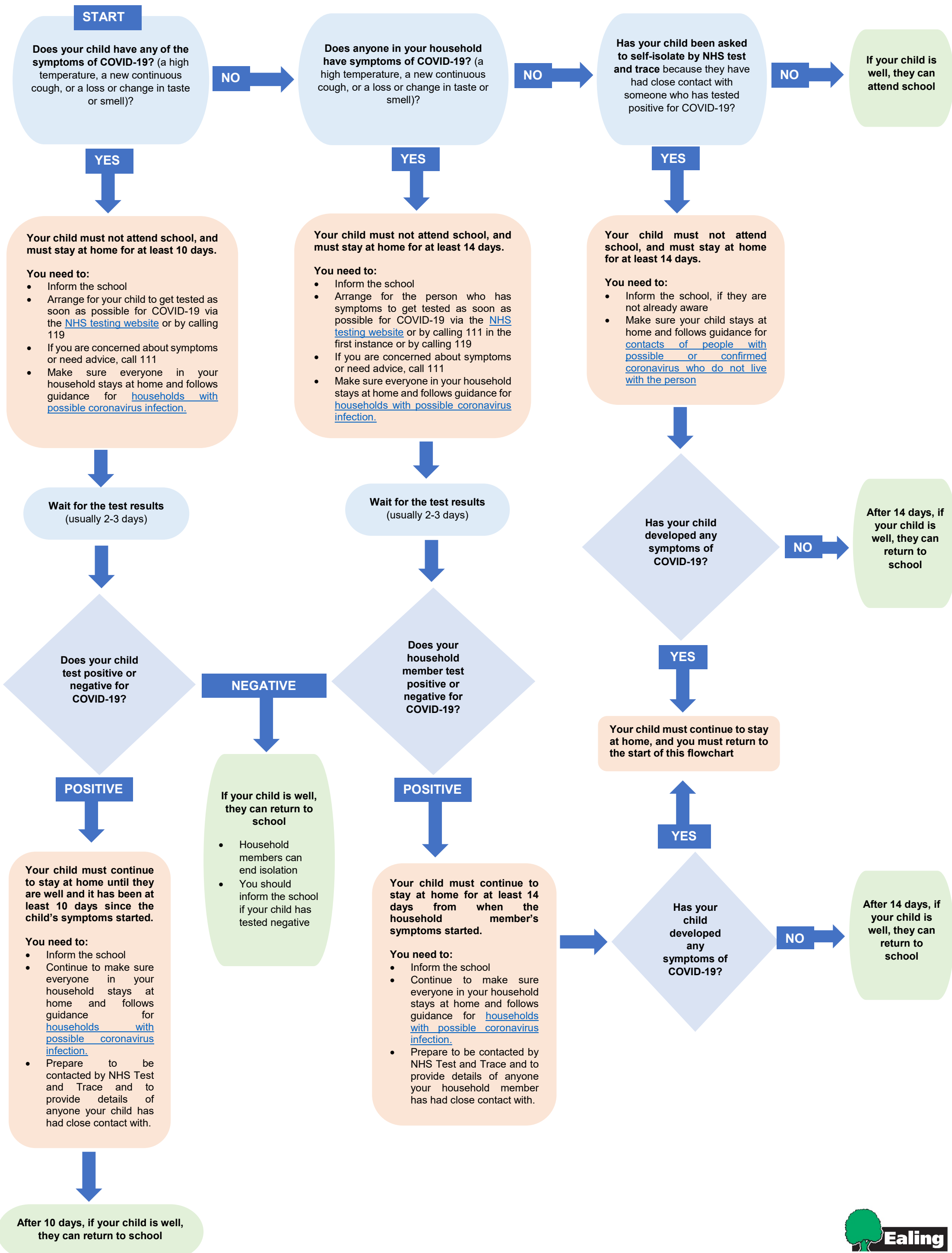
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Flowchart for parents: what to do if someone has symptoms of COVID-19

Version 2 (30 July 2020)

START

Does your child have any of the symptoms of COVID-19? (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change in taste or smell)?

→ **NO** → **Does anyone in your household have symptoms of COVID-19?** (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change in taste or smell)?

→ **NO** → **Has your child been asked to self-isolate by NHS test and trace** because they have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

→ **NO** → If your child is well, they can attend school

YES ↓

Your child must not attend school, and must stay at home for at least 10 days.

You need to:
- Inform the school
- Arrange for your child to get tested as soon as possible for COVID-19 via the NHS testing website or by calling 119
- If you are concerned about symptoms or need advice, call 111
- Make sure everyone in your household stays at home and follows guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection.

YES ↓

Your child must not attend school, and must stay at home for at least 14 days.

You need to:
- Inform the school
- Arrange for the person who has symptoms to get tested as soon as possible for COVID-19 via the NHS testing website or by calling 111 in the first instance or by calling 119
- If you are concerned about symptoms or need advice, call 111
- Make sure everyone in your household stays at home and follows guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection.

YES ↓

Your child must not attend school, and must stay at home for at least 14 days.

You need to:
- Inform the school, if they are not already aware
- Make sure your child stays at home and follows guidance for contacts of people with possible or confirmed coronavirus who do not live with the person

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Has your child developed any symptoms of COVID-19?

→ **NO** → After 14 days, if your child is well, they can return to school

YES ↓

Wait for the test results (usually 2-3 days)

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Does your child test positive or negative for COVID-19?

→ **NEGATIVE** → If your child is well, they can return to school
- Household members can end isolation
- You should inform the school if your child has tested negative

POSITIVE ↓

Your child must continue to stay at home until they are well and it has been at least 10 days since the child's symptoms started.

You need to:
- Inform the school
- Continue to make sure everyone in your household stays at home and follows guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection.
- Prepare to be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and to provide details of anyone your child has had close contact with.

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After 10 days, if your child is well, they can return to school

Wait for the test results (usually 2-3 days)

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Does your household member test positive or negative for COVID-19?

POSITIVE ↓

Your child must continue to stay at home for at least 14 days from when the household member's symptoms started.

You need to:
- Inform the school
- Continue to make sure everyone in your household stays at home and follows guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection.
- Prepare to be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and to provide details of anyone your household member has had close contact with.

→ **Has your child developed any symptoms of COVID-19?**

→ **NO** → After 14 days, if your child is well, they can return to school

YES ↑

Your child must continue to stay at home, and you must return to the start of this flowchart

↑ **YES**

NHS COVID-19 app

Fact sheet for parents, carers and those who are 16 and over

The app has 6 key features that support you:

Trace

This feature is contact tracing. It allows the app to detect and log other nearby app users using random unique IDs. No personal data is shared between your phone and anyone else's phone.

If any of those users later test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), you will receive an exposure alert with advice on what to do. If you are under 18, you are advised to show this alert to a trusted adult.

Symptoms

This feature is a coronavirus symptom checker. If you feel unwell, you can use the app to check if your symptoms could be related to coronavirus. The app will give you a list of potential symptoms and you can then choose the ones that apply to you.

If your symptoms could be coronavirus, you will be advised to self-isolate and book a test.

Check-in

This feature is a check-in function. The app allows you to record when you visit a venue by "checking-in" when you arrive, using an official NHS QR poster.

The app will provide you with a digital diary of places you have visited. This stays on your phone and you can delete it. It means that you can receive an alert with public health advice if you have been to venue where you may have come into contact with coronavirus.

Test

This feature will help you book a test. If you have coronavirus symptoms, the app will take you to a website where you can book a test to see if you have coronavirus or not. If you are under 18, you are advised to discuss with a trusted adult before booking a test.

Alert

This feature is for area risk alerts. When you first register for the app you will be asked for the first half of your postcode. The app will tell you whether the area that you live in is a high risk area for coronavirus. If your area risk changes at any point, the app will notify you. This could help you make decisions to protect your loved ones.

Isolate

This feature is an isolation 'companion'. It counts down how many days you have left to isolate if you have been advised to do so. It also provides links to useful advice. It will tell you when you have reached the end of your isolation period.

NHS COVID-19 app fact sheet

The app

- The NHS COVID-19 app has launched nationally and is available to everyone aged 16 and over in England and Wales.
- The app will help the NHS understand where and how quickly the virus is spreading, so it can respond effectively.
- We want as many people as possible to download and use the app. Every person who does will be helping in the fight against coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Although those aged 16 and over can use the app in education settings, the main benefit is outside that, when they are socialising, using public transport or in a public space.

In education settings

- When in an education setting, a user may be advised to turn the contact tracing function off. This does not mean turning off app alerts, but instead turning off the app's ability to trace who a user has spent time near.
- By turning this function off it will, for example, ensure that phones near each other in lockers do not record contacts with each other when they are not with their owners.
- Users will be given the option to pause the contact tracing feature for different time periods so that app users can receive a reminder to turn contact tracing back on after that time.

Notifications

- If the app identifies a user has been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus, the user will:
  - receive an exposure alert with advice on what to do
  - be advised to self isolate
- If a user who is 16-18 years old receives an alert, they should notify a trusted adult. When they are in an education setting, this trusted adult should be a member of staff who will then follow official guidelines.
- Parents or carers should inform the relevant educational setting if their child tests positive for coronavirus. They should do this whether or not their child is an app user.

Privacy

- The app will not hold any personal information. It cannot track a user's location. It cannot be used to access a user's identity or any other information on user's phone.
- All users can delete the NHS COVID-19 app at any time. This will also delete all data stored on app.

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For more information please visit:
www.covid19.nhs.uk