

Test and Trace Guidance for Education Settings Northumberland

Public Health Update

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Infection Control Principles

- Stay home if symptomatic or been advised to self isolate as a contact of a positive person
- Avoid direct transmission by keeping apart
- Avoid indirect transmission through frequent and robust handwashing
- Regular cleaning of surfaces, including those frequently touched
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Actions to take by schools (Scenario A)

Advise all parents to keep children off school and inform the school asap should they develop any of the symptoms of Covid 19 which include a new and continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste or smell.

On notification request the parent goes to [NHS111](https://111.nhs.uk) online to organise a test

Action: Please contact your LA to inform them of a possible C19 case on publichealthincidentalalerts@northumberland.gov.uk

(This will be non -identifiable data at this point)

No other action is required at this point.

Day to day operation (Scenario B)

Stay alert to pupils or staff becoming unwell during the school day with symptoms

If a child becomes unwell with Covid 19 symptoms, isolate them outside of the bubble, contact home and request immediate collection. Advise parent to request a test as previously stated and clean area. There is no need to send anyone else home at this point

Action: Please contact your LA to inform us of a *possible* C19 case on publichealthincidentalalerts@northumberland.gov.uk

What happens next? (Scenario B1)

If the child/teacher tests **negative** they will be advised by T&T (probably email) that the test is negative and safe to return to school with no further action is required (when they feel well enough to do so)

Action: Please contact the LA again on the email address provided above to inform us the child/teacher has tested negative

What happens next? (Scenario B2)

If the child/teacher tests **positive** the Public Health England Health Protection Team (HPT) Advisors will contact the school and discuss next steps for managing the 'bubble'

The HPT will be drafting a template text for inclusion in a letter from school to parents of those who need to be excluded

Your Public Health School Nurse will also be advised and will be available for further support should it be required

What happens next?

Parents of children who are advised as a precaution to self isolate for 14 days will be instructed to have their child tested promptly should they develop symptoms of Covid 19

If you learn that further children from the cohort have subsequently tested positive please contact PHE on ICC.NorthEast@phe.gov.uk and publichealthincidentalalerts@northumberland.gov.uk

This will be declared as an 'outbreak' and Public Health England will work with the LA Director of Public Health in further management - please await further instruction as this will be situation specific

Other scenarios (Scenario C)

What if school is informed that a pupil has tested positive by a parent having not been in school?

Action: Notify publichealthincidentalerts@northumberland.gov.uk

If you have not already been advised of this by Public Health England HPT please contact them via: ICC.NorthEast@phe.gov.uk

Please then await further instruction

Other Scenarios (Scenario D)

You have been contacted by a parent of a child who has been sent home to self isolate as part of a bubble precautionary closure to say their child has also tested positive

Action: Notify publichealthincidentalerts@northumberland.gov.uk

If you have not already been advised of this by Public Health England HPT please contact them via: ICC.NorthEast@phe.gov.uk

Please then await further instruction

Who will be considered as close contacts

Close contacts are defined as any of the following:

- Direct face-to-face contact with a confirmed case
- Being within 1 metre of a confirmed case for 1 minute or longer
- Being within 2 metres of a confirmed case for 15 minutes or longer

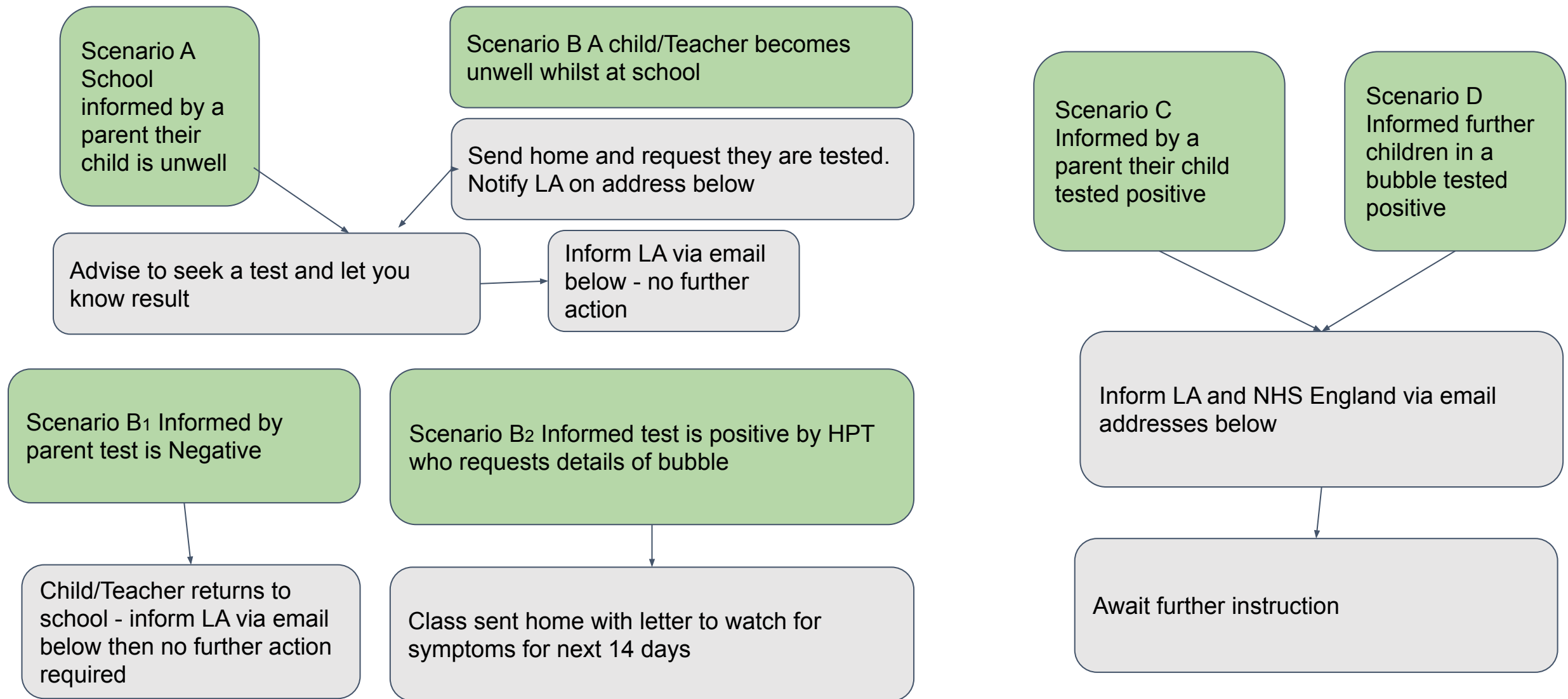
This is why maintaining the integrity of a bubble is so important

For further guidance on bubble management contact DfE coronavirus helpline: Telephone 0800 046 8687 with School ID

Short video by South West Public Health Team

Slightly different in local action regarding contact (email addresses on previous and next slide) when suspecting a case but otherwise the principles are the same

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PHE Health Protection Team: ICC.NorthEast@phe.gov.uk