COVID-19 Guidance for <u>Parents/Carers</u> in Bedford Borough Education Settings From 24th Feb 2022

For any **SUSPECTED** or **CONFIRMED** case of COVID-19 in a young person please follow the flow chart below.

SUSPECTED case if child/young person has COVID-19 **symptoms**

Key symptoms:

- A new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

Additional symptoms that may be early warning signs of COVID-19 in children include upset stomach, headache, sore throat, unusual fatigue.

Book a **PCR test** as soon as possible online via the website www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. Alternatively a PCR test can be ordered by phone on **NHS 119.**

Ensure child/young person stays at home until test result

The rest of the household are advised to minimise contact with positive case, work from home where possible, avoid contact with vulnerable people, limit close contact with people outside your household, wear a face covering in crowded spaces.

Children, young people who live with someone who are positive can continue to go to their education setting.

Result of test

(notify setting as soon as possible).

NEGATIVE

POSITIVE

Young person can return to setting once well.

CONFIRMED case(s) following a Positive **PCR** Test

Positive PCR Result

Inform the setting of positive test. Young person must stay at home.

The rest of the household are advised to minimise contact with positive case, work from home where possible, avoid contact with vulnerable people, limit close contact with people outside your household, wear a face covering in crowded spaces.

Children, young people who live with someone who are positive can continue to go to their education setting.

CONFIRMED case(s) following a Positive **LFD** Test

Positive LFD Result

You no longer need to take a follow up PCR test.

Report the positive test result online at:

Report LFD result on GOV.UK Inform your setting of the positive result.

Ensure positive young person stays at home for 10 days.

ALL children/young people are advised to take an LFD test on Days 5 & 6 - 24 hours apart.

2 X negative tests mean they can return to setting following the second test, if they do not have a temperature (see table below).

For **symptomatic** cases the day the symptoms began is DAY ZERO. You need to add 10 further days after DAY ZERO.

For **asymptomatic** cases the date of the test is DAY ZERO. You need to add 10 further days after DAY ZERO.

If anyone else in the household becomes unwell and tests positive for Covid-19 they will need to stay at home for 10 days. They **are advised to** take an LFD test on Days 5 & 6 - 24 hours apart. 2 X negative tests mean they can end return to their normal routine – (see table below).

How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days

