

28<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Head Teacher: Donna Walker**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your families continue to be safe and well and in the current local lockdown situation. We have had an incredibly positive start to the beginning of term and are very proud of how our pupils in Springwell Dene have settled back into school, they have been producing some outstanding work in lessons.

### Remote Learning

We are working hard to ensure our online remote learning platform is ready so that all pupils can access should they have to self-isolate, or parts of the school have to close or there is a national lockdown.

Our online platform is provided Century Learning. All KS2 and KS3 pupils have been given their log-in details for this in school and are being taught how to access and use Century learning. We will also share our parents/carers guide to supporting the use of Century Learning at home, when this has been completed.

We are currently carrying out a survey of ICT requirements for all pupils in Springwell Dene and will be looking at supporting our families with internet access and laptops for pupils, if this identified during our survey.

In addition, we will be providing all of our pupils with email address and trialling the use of Microsoft Teams in the next couple of weeks also.

### Test and Trace App

As you will no doubt be aware, the NHS Test and Trace app has now been launched. The app is available to download on smartphones for anyone aged 16 or over.

The DfE has published guidance for schools and further education colleges on the app, as well as a factsheet for parents. This can be found on our website.

The app has 6 key features that will help to reduce personal and public risk:

- Trace – alerts the individual if they were in close contact with a confirmed case
- Alert – provides the individual with the risk level associated with coronavirus (COVID-19) in their local area, based on the postcode district they enter
- Check in – allows the individual to check in to locations via the app and official NHS QR codes



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- Symptoms – allows the individual to check symptoms against government guidance and to get advice
- Test – allows the individual to order a free test and to receive results and advice via the app
- Isolate – provides an isolation ‘companion’, which counts down how many days they have left to isolate and provides links to useful advice

All plans and procedures are continually reviewed during to ensure that we continue to keep our school community as safe as possible. I would like to thank you for your ongoing support in these unprecedented times.

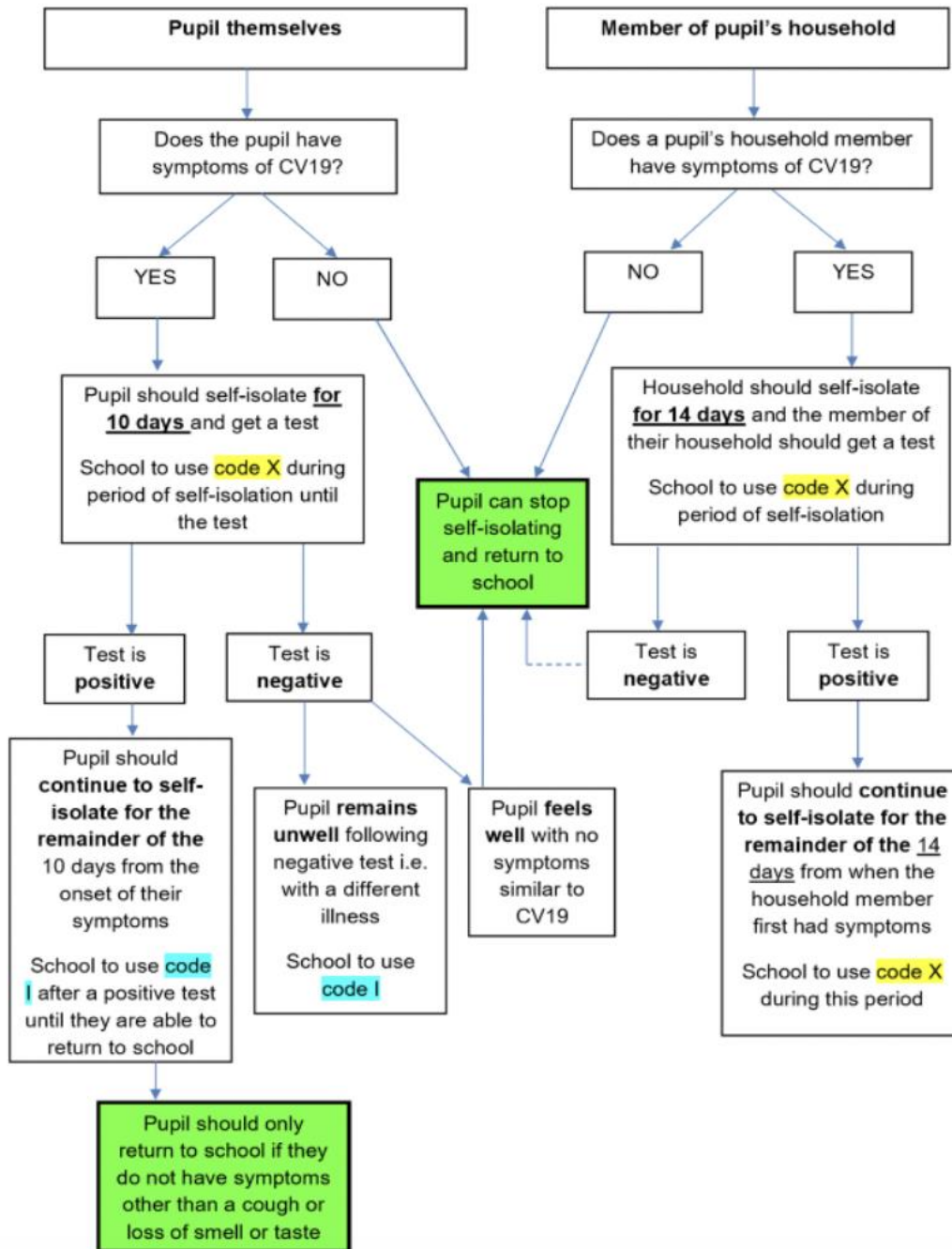
Please continue to stay safe and well.

Donna



Headteacher,

**Pupils required to self-isolate as they, or a member of their household has symptom or confirmed COVID-19**



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