

# Return to Darlington Academy – Q&A update



## You will need:

### **Does my child have to attend school in September?**

Yes, from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September all children must return to school.

### **How will you keep my child safe?**

We will be putting measures in place and share some details below on how to keep our community as safe as possible.

### **What will my child wear?**

Full school uniform must be worn each day. Children must bring in a coat as the weather cools.

On days where your child has PE, they will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit.

### **Can I call into the school office to drop something off or meet my child's teacher?**

No, the site is closed except for essential contractors and maintenance that are pre-arranged. Please call or email us.

### **Can my child wear a facemask to school?**

We ask that masks be disposed of as soon as children enter classrooms, placing used masks in a lidded bin. Reusable masks can be stored in plastic bags (provided by parents) until needed at the end of the day. Children may wear facemasks in school as long as they are able to put them on without any assistance.

To ensure all children remain hydrated, please provide a labelled bottle.

Please provide a pair of black plimsolls/trainers for PE – these are to remain in school.

If you do not order a school meal, you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch.

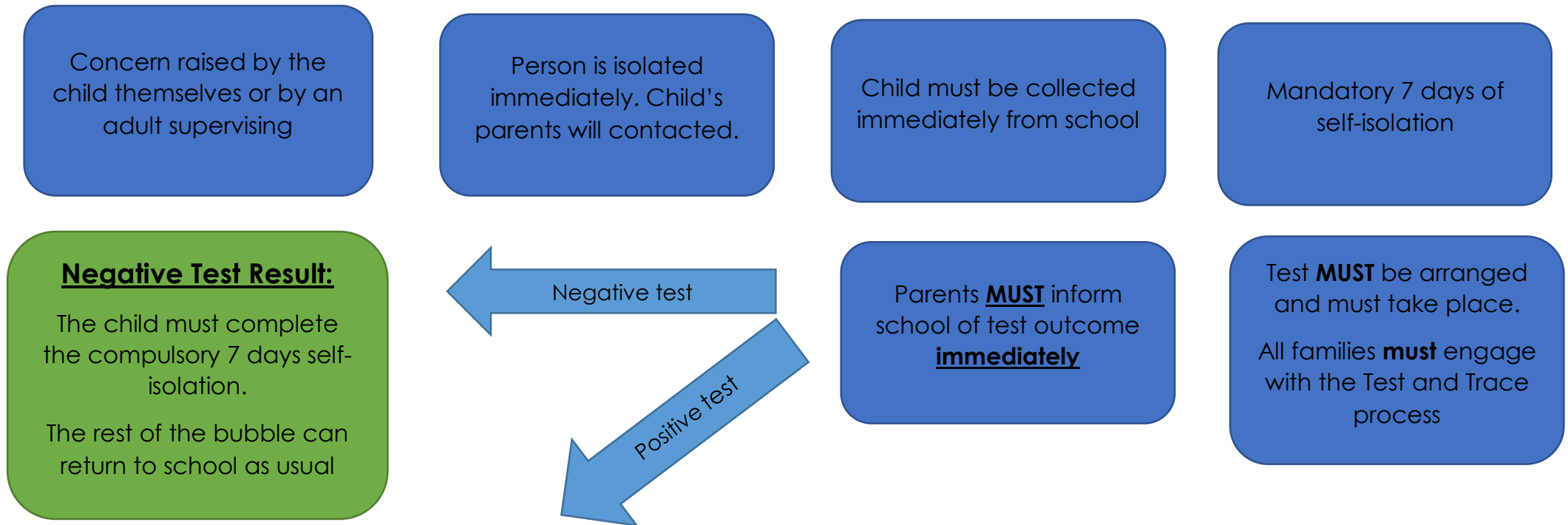
## Other Information

Start and end times will be staggered to minimise contact and congestion.

All children must arrive and be collected on time from their allocated gate.

The academy will be organised into zones and bubbles to facilitate learning and intervention.

## School response if a child displays symptoms during school time



**Positive Test Result:** The child must complete the compulsory 7 days self-isolation from the date of the test. The rest of the bubble will close and all pupils in this bubble will need to undertake 14 days of compulsory self-isolation. If children develop symptoms in this time, they must be tested. School must be informed of the test outcome. If a result is received on a weekend, families **must inform school by 9am on the Monday morning.**

## What if my child displays symptoms at home?



Isolate your child where possible.

Do not allow your child to attend school or other public places.

Mandatory 7 days of self-isolation.

Inform school if your child is displaying symptoms

### **Negative Test Result:**

The child must complete the compulsory 7 days self-isolation.

The rest of the bubble can return to school as usual

Negative test

Positive test

Parents **MUST** inform school of test outcome **immediately.**

Test **MUST** be arranged and **must** take place.

All families must engage with the Test and Trace process

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## What if I am contacted by NHS Test and Trace?



**Follow all instructions from  
the NHS Test and Trace  
advisor**

**Inform school  
immediately**

**If you are contacted on a weekend, inform school by 9am on  
the Monday morning.**