

Sickness Policy

Covid-19 Appendix

What happens if someone becomes unwell at home?

- If a child becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must contact the school immediately and are advised to follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](#).
- If a staff member becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must contact the school immediately using the usual contact numbers and are advised to follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](#).

What happens if someone becomes unwell at school?

- If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](#)
- If the school suspects that a child is showing any of these symptoms the parent/carer of the child will be called to collect the child
- If the school suspects that an adult is unwell the adult will be asked to leave the school site or we would contact a member of their household to collect them
- If an adult is awaiting collection they would move to the Isolation Room where they will isolate behind a closed door
- If the adult needs to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they will use a separate bathroom if possible. The bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else
- If a child is awaiting collection, they will be moved to the Isolation Room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, depending on the age of the child and with appropriate adult supervision if required. Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation. If it is not possible to isolate them or the room is used by another isolating child we will move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.
- If the child needs to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they will use a separate bathroom if possible. The bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.
- PPE must be worn by staff caring for the child or adult while they await collection.

- In an emergency, the school will call 999 if the child is seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk.
- If a member of staff has helped someone with symptoms, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves (and in which case, a test is available) or the child subsequently tests positive.
- Staff should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell. The affected area will be cleaned with normal household disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left to reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus at school?

- When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. All staff and children who are attending school will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and will be encouraged to get tested in this scenario.
- Where the child or staff member tests negative, they can return to school and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.
- Where the child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within school will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.
- As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise the school on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases a larger number of other children, may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.
- If a child or adult has to be transported by the school, the school mini bus will be used and disinfected afterwards.

Will the school ask parents to report pupils' temperatures at the start of each day?

- No parents/carers or school need take children's temperatures every morning. Routine testing of an individual's temperature is not a reliable method for identifying coronavirus.
- Parents/carers must follow the standard national advice on the kind of symptoms to look out for that might be due to coronavirus, and where to get

further advice. If anyone in the household develops a fever, or a new continuous cough, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they are advised to follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](#) (which states that the ill person should remain in isolation for 7 days and the rest of the household in isolation for 14 days).

Are children eligible for testing?

- Children attending school and members of their households, will have access to testing if they display symptoms of coronavirus. This will enable them to get back into school and their parents or carers to get back to work, if the test proves to be negative.
- To access testing parents will be able to use the 111 online coronavirus service if their child is 5 or over.

Are school staff able to get tested if they have symptoms?

- Access to testing is already available to all essential workers. This includes anyone involved in education, childcare or social work – including both public and voluntary sector workers, as well as foster carers.
- The school as employers can book tests through an online digital portal for staff. There is also an option for staff to book tests directly on the portal.

