
Your child has informed us that they have COVID symptoms:

The NHS guidance states that current symptoms are as follows:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you’ve noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What do I do now?

- You will be asked to take home any siblings.
- You must arrange for your child to be tested as soon as possible. Your child will be marked absent with a X code – not required to be in school.
- The household should self-isolate immediately.

What happens when I get the test results?

- You must notify us as soon as you have the results.

What happens if the test is negative?

- As long as they feel better and they no longer have symptoms, they can stop self-isolating and they can return to school. The household can stop self-isolating.

What happens if the test is positive?

- Your child will need to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of your symptoms.
- The rest of the household will have to isolate for 14 days. Any siblings will not be allowed to return until those 14 days are up.
- We will have to notify the local health protection team. They will advise the school what to do next, who to contact and who else may need to self-isolate.

Can I refuse to keep my child at home?

- Schools have been given the authority to refuse a child to return if “it is necessary to protect their pupils and staff from possible infection”.

Why haven't you taken my child's temperature?

- The DfE in their guidance to schools has said that this is an “unreliable method for identifying coronavirus”.