

Important: clarification around symptoms and testing

Dear parents and carers

I apologise for any confusion in yesterday's newsletter regarding what to do if your child develops symptoms of Covid. Please note the following:

What happens if my child develops symptoms?

If your child develops Covid symptoms – particularly a new persistent cough or a high temperature – they must not attend school and you must get them tested straight away. The rest of the family do not need to be tested **but brothers and sisters do need to stay away from school too**. If the test is negative then the child(ren) can return to school. If the test is positive, your family will all need to self-isolate for 14 days. **I have attached a summary of what to do on the reverse of this update.**

Testing

The DfE have asked me to remind you that it is vital that only if children or staff develop [symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) – one or more of: a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – do educational settings ask them to self-isolate and recommend they get a test. The NHS Test and Trace system is fully up and running, but capacity must be protected for those with symptoms of the virus.

You do not need to book a test or keep your child away from school if they have cold symptoms.

Thanks very much for your help, patience and support.

Kind regards

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<i>What to do if...</i>	<i>Action needed</i>	<i>Return to school when...</i>
...my child has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school • Self-isolate • Get a test • Inform school immediately about test result 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child tests positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Self-isolate for at least 14 days • Inform school immediately about test result 	...they feel better. They can return to school after 14 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
...somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school • Self-isolate • Household member to get a test • Inform school immediately about test result 	...the household member test is negative.
...somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school • Self-isolate for 14 days 	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
... NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school • Self-isolate for 14 days 	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
...we/my child travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term time holidays, including absence as a result of needing to quarantine, are unauthorised. <p><u>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school • Self-isolate for 14 days 	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school as required by the pastoral team • Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.