

# Carrington Junior School

## Protocol for suspected cases of Covid-19 - IN SCHOOL

### Child or staff member with symptoms in school

If anyone in school becomes ill with a new continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell, they will be sent home.

- Parents/carers will be called to collect the child immediately.
- The child will be separated from the rest of their hub and taken to the designated isolation room until collection. If they need the toilet they will use the designated toilet. Their bags will be taken to the front door to be collected with the pupil.)
- Other members of the hub will be instructed to wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- The affected child's equipment will be quarantined and cleaned.
- The affected child's working area and chair will be cleaned with bleach.

Parents/ carers of the affected child will be advised to follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection](#) . This sets out that the child with symptoms and their household must:

- self-isolate for at least 10 days
- [arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus](#)

In the event of a positive test result the school will immediately contact the local health protection team to seek advice and the class hub is likely to be closed for a period of 14 days.

## Protocol for suspected cases of Covid-19 - OUT OF SCHOOL

### Child of staff member with symptoms out of school

If a child (or staff member) becomes ill with a new continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell outside school hours:

- **they must not come to school.** This is government guidance and keeps the school community as safe as possible.
- parents/carers should ring the school office to inform them of the suspected symptoms

Parents/ carers of the affected child will be advised to follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection](#) . This sets out that the child with symptoms and their household must:

- self-isolate for at least 10 days
- [arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus](#)
- inform the school of the test result

In the event of a positive test result the school will immediately contact the local health protection team to seek advice and the class hub is likely to be closed for a period of 14 days.

N.B. Your child should only get tested if they are showing symptoms of Covid-19. They do not need to get tested because somebody else has symptoms or if somebody else has a confirmed case.

## Common questions

**My child has been sent home with suspected symptoms, do I need to isolate?** Yes, if a member of your household has coronavirus symptoms, the whole household needs to isolate for 14 days, or until a negative test result is received.

**My child was sent home with suspected symptoms and we have a negative test result. Can they come back to school?** Yes, they can return to school immediately and the rest of the household can stop isolating.

**A child in the same hub as my child has been sent home with suspected symptoms. Should I keep my child off school too?** No. Your child should continue coming to school. If there is a positive test result and further action needs to be taken, the school will inform you.

**A member of my household has been sent home to isolate due to a positive case in their school hub or workplace team. Do the rest of the household need to isolate?** No, this is a precautionary isolation and only affects that household member. Your child should continue to come to school and other household members can continue with normal activities, unless anyone in your household develops symptoms.

**My child had a temperature but is feeling better now. Can I send them back in?** Children showing any symptoms of Covid-19, including a temperature, will not be able to return to school unless 10 days have passed or they have received a negative test result.

### **I've been told to isolate. How long do I need to isolate for?**

Reason for isolating	Person	Testing needed?	Number of days	When isolation ends
A member of my household has suspected symptoms.	Person with symptoms	<b>YES</b>	<b>10 days</b>	After 10 days, or until a negative test is received.  You should seek testing at the start of this time period.
	Other household members	NO	<b>14 days</b>	After 14 days or until a negative result has been received.
A member of my household has had a positive test	Person with confirmed case of Covid-19	(already tested to get positive result)	<b>10 days</b> from when their symptoms started	After 10 days, as long as they do not continue to have a temperature or other symptoms *(read guidance). This person may leave the home. <i>N.B. If your child has had a positive test, their school hub will be closed for 14 days, so they should continue with home learning until the 14-day period is completed.</i>
	Other household members	NO	<b>14 days</b> from when symptoms appeared in person with confirmed case.	After 14 days.  (Unless they develop symptoms. If they develop symptoms, they should <b>seek testing</b> and immediately start a new 10-day isolation period even if they had nearly completed the previous 14-day isolation.)
My child is isolating due to a positive test result in a member of their school hub.  (or a household member is isolating as a precaution due to a confirmed case in the workplace)	Person isolating	NO	<b>14 days</b>	14 days from when they last had contact with the member of their hub who has received a positive test. You will be informed by the school of when they should return.  (If your child develops symptoms during this time you should inform the school and <b>seek testing</b> . This starts a new period of isolation for your household.)
	Other household members	NO	<b>0 days</b>	No isolation needed unless they start to experience symptoms.
Our family has returned from holiday and have to isolate	All household members	NO	<b>14 days</b>	14 days from return from foreign country. <b>We strongly advise you not to take holidays which will affect your child's attendance at school.</b>