



Advice to Staff and Parents for School Re-opening on June 1st 2020

What happens if someone becomes unwell?

If anyone becomes unwell with one or more of the following symptoms, they must be sent home and advised to follow the COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance:

- a new, continuous cough
- a high temperature,
- a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Where should an ill child be taken?

If a child is awaiting collection, they should be moved, if possible, to the **Thrive 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, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.

If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use the **disabled toilet** and a sign will be placed on the door to say awaiting cleaning. **The toilet should be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.**

PPE should be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs).

In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. Do not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.



What should the member of staff who has supported a pupil do?



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.

They should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell.



Cleaning the affected area with disposable cloths and normal household disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.



What happens if there is a suspected case of coronavirus in school?

When a child 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 are encouraged to get tested in this scenario (see testing details below)

What happens if someone tests positive for coronavirus in school?

Where the child or staff member tests positive:

- The rest of their class or group should 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 school on the most appropriate action to take.

In some cases a larger number of other children, young people 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.

What happens if someone tests negative for coronavirus in school?

Where the child or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Will teachers and other staff be able to get tested if they have symptoms?

Access to testing is already available to all essential workers. This includes anyone involved in education.

Education settings as employers can book tests through an online digital portal. There is also an option for employees to book tests directly on the portal: