

How to Respond to Symptoms of COVID-19 (SHEET 2)



The main symptoms of Coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If a child is presenting any of the above symptoms...

What MUST be done...

- The child must be sent home and collected at the earliest opportunity.
- The child will be taken to the Surgery, where they will be supervised by the School Nurse whilst awaiting collection, using the separately designated and isolated room. Separate toilet facilities will also be available.
- PPE will be worn by the School Nurse caring for the child, if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained.
- Anyone in contact with the unwell child should wash their hands thoroughly afterwards.

What does NOT need to be done....

- The School does not need to send other children or staff home. We will await testing results for the suspected case.
- The School will not need to inform parents about a suspected case, unless the results are positive. Names of individuals will not be shared unless essential to protect others.

The School will advise parents to isolate their child for 14 days. The rest of the household (including siblings) need to isolate for 14 days. Parents must have their child tested for the virus.

Tests can be booked online through NHS testing and tracing website for Coronavirus website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus>

Parents to inform the School via the School Nurse of the test results as soon as possible.

Note: The School will not ask for evidence of negative test results or other medical evidence before admitting children or welcoming them back after a period of self-isolation.

Positive Result

*See separate document: How to Respond to Positive Cases of COVID-19

Negative Result

If the child tests negative, they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus, they can stop self-isolating. Other members of the household can also stop self-isolating.

Other pupils and members of staff in contact with the symptomatic person can continue to stay in school, unless they display symptoms.

Links to useful guidance Testing for Coronavirus: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus> Stay at Home: Guidance for households with possible or confirmed cases of Coronavirus:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>