

## **Advice for Parents and Carers if a child or member of staff becomes ill at school**

If your child displays symptoms of coronavirus: high temperature (37.8 or more), a new continuous cough or loss of taste and/or smell, they should not be sent to school.

If a child is unwell in any way, please do not send them to school. If your child becomes unwell while at school parents/carers will be contacted and asked to collect their child immediately.

If a child develops symptoms of Coronavirus while at school, they will be isolated in a room awaiting collection, with a member of staff who will be wearing PPE. The child must then follow the guidance on self-isolation and not return to school until their period of self-isolation has been completed. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days.

All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of Coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario. Symptomatic staff will be excluded for 7 days from the day that symptoms started.

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

Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class will 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, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

As part of the national test and trace program, 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 schools and other settings 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.