

Covid-19: Advice for Parents – Symptoms and Testing

This guidance document is to advise you on what you should do, and what we will do, if your children are displaying symptoms of Covid-19

The three main symptoms:

A continuous dry cough
A high temperature
Loss or change in the sense of smell and/or taste

Stay at Home

If your child displays any of these symptoms in school, you will be contacted and asked to collect them as soon as possible. As a precaution, siblings who live in the same household, will also be sent home

If your child displays these symptoms at home – do not send them into school

If you, or anyone else in your household, or support bubble, is displaying symptoms at home – do not send children into school

Arranging a test

You should now arrange to have your child tested for Covid-19. This can be done by following the instructions on the government website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Your children and everyone else in your household should remain at home until you receive the test result

Test results

A negative result

You do not need to self-quarantine and children can return to school, as long as:

- everyone you live with who has symptoms tests negative;
- everyone in your support bubble who has symptoms tests negative;
- you were not told to self-isolate for 14 days by NHS Test and Trace.

A positive result

You must self-quarantine immediately:

- if you had a test **because you had symptoms**, keep self-isolating for 14 days from when your symptoms started;
- if you had a test, **but have not had symptoms**, (asymptomatic), self-isolate for 14 days from when you had the test result;
- anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must self-isolate for 14 days from when the test result was known.

You'll get a text or email when your result is ready

If, during this time, another member of the household develops symptoms, they should then arrange to have the test themselves and follow the procedures outlined above.

Keeping School informed

Upon a positive test result being given, **you need to let us know** so that we can contact Public Health England and initiate Track and Trace procedures, as this may result in additional school action, which may have consequences for the wider school population.

Remote Home Learning

When a quarantine period is confirmed, we will initiate our remote learning protocol.

We will send your children appropriate security codes that give them access to Google Classroom, which will be populated with appropriate work and resources.

If your child is well enough, they should complete the work set, in accordance with the timetable displayed.

Please follow these procedures to help us keep our school community safe and healthy.