



## Covid 19 Guidance for students and staff displaying symptoms

**COVID-19 symptoms:** high temperature *or* new, continuous cough *or* loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

**NHS 111 online symptom checker:** [111.nhs.uk/covid-19](https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19)

A child or member of staff has been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 symptoms. The person does not live in their household and does not attend this school.

Child or staff member does not need to [self-isolate](#) unless they develop COVID-19 symptoms or are advised to do so following contact tracing (see overleaf).

A child or member of staff lives with someone who is displaying COVID-19 symptoms.

A child or member of staff has arrived at school with COVID-19 symptoms.

A child or member of staff has become unwell with COVID-19 symptoms whilst at school.

Child or staff member should not come to school. They should be advised that their entire household must [self-isolate](#). For anyone displaying symptoms, this is for at least 7 days from the onset of symptoms. For all other household members, it is for at least 14 days, see national guidance.

Child's parent/carer or staff member should be advised that anyone with symptoms can ask for a test to check if they have COVID-19, see overleaf.

Where a child or staff member displays symptoms, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting should also be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. Household members of the class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with subsequently develops symptoms.

If the individual with symptoms subsequently tests negative (see overleaf) they and the rest of their class or group can end their self-isolation and return to the setting.

Where a child or staff member is already at school and remains in school awaiting collection, they should be moved, **if possible and if appropriate**, to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door. 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 others. If they need to go to the bathroom, they should use the separate bathroom which will be designated for this purpose.

Any member of staff helping someone taken unwell with COVID-19 symptoms should try to stay 2 metres away. If this isn't possible, they should use full PPE. They should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact. They do not need to [self-isolate](#) unless they develop symptoms.

Any bathroom used by someone with symptoms should be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.

If there is an urgent public health action to take, you will be contacted by the local Public Health England (PHE) Health Protection Team.

## Testing

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms is eligible for testing.

Members of school staff are classed as essential workers and can apply for priority testing online by self-referral, here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test-essential-workers>. Employers can also apply for testing for their employees, see here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>.

Anyone else with symptoms can ask for a test here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

## Contact tracing

A national contact tracing programme is being established. Parents, pupils or staff may all get contacted if they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19. They will need to follow the advice they are given by the contact tracers – which will include self-isolation for 14 days for those that are deemed higher risk by dint of extended close contact with a confirmed case. No further action is required by the setting, although if they find a large number of staff or pupils attending the setting are self-isolating they should let the local public health team or education team at the Local Authority know.

### For further information

Government COVID-19 [guidance for education](#)

[settings](#) Government COVID-19 [self-isolation](#)

[guidance](#)

NHS 111 online [symptom checker](#)

Education settings can help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) by reminding staff, children, pupils, students and families of key public health advice:

Wash hands more often than usual, for 20 seconds, using soap and water

For coughs and sneezes: [catch it, bin it, kill it](#)

Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands

Follow social distancing measures and try to stay at least 2 metres from others

Clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces more often than usual using your standard cleaning products.