

COVID-19 Symptoms

Pupils should not come into school if they have [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#) or have tested positive in at least the last 10 days.

The symptoms of COVID 19 are:

- **a high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back;
- **a new, persistent cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours;
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Please still contact the school office via the phone as usual to inform us if your child will be absent from school.

COVID-19 Symptoms at School Information

If your child becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

While your child is awaiting collection, they will wait with a member of staff in our allocated isolation room (new classroom in the hall).

Any members of staff who have helped someone with symptoms and any pupils who have been in close contact with them do not need to go home to self-isolate.

As a school, we ask that children who have symptoms, arrange a test and inform us immediately of the results of the test, whether positive or negative.

If someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu - in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.

If someone tests positive, they should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

(Guidance for full opening: schools, GOV.UK, 28.8.20)