

COVID-19 Symptoms

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- recent onset of a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

What do I do if my child or someone in their household display symptoms of COVID-19?

Inform the school and make sure your child does not come in to school once the symptoms are identified.

Book a test straight away for the person who is displaying symptoms. This can be done online via <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/> or by calling 119. Tests in Gloucestershire appear to be relatively quick and so you will hopefully have the results within 24 hours.

Inform the school immediately that you have booked a test and give the time and date to the school either via email or phone so that this can be logged by us with the local Health Protection Team.

Ensure that your whole household self-isolates until the test result is received – **this means your child cannot come in to school from the moment the symptoms are identified.** More information on staying at home from the Government can be found [here](#).

What do I do when I get the test result?

If the test result is **negative**, your child can return to school if they are well enough and the rest of the household can stop self-isolating. Inform the school of the negative test result via email or phone call as soon as you have it so that we know to expect your child back in school.

If the test result is **positive**, you must inform the school immediately so that we can work with the local Health Protection Team to identify which members of the school community will also need to self-isolate for 14 days. At this stage, we will stay in contact with you and let you know of anything else you need to do.

What happens if my child shows symptoms of COVID-19 at school?

If your child displays symptoms whilst at school, we will take them to a separate room and you will be called immediately to collect them. Staff may need to use Personal Protective Equipment when helping your child in this instance if they need to give close personal care e.g. first aid. A member of staff will stay with your child whilst we wait for you to arrive.

If anyone at school (child or adult) shows symptoms of COVID-19, they will be asked to undertake a test. Once we have the results of this test, further action will be taken with support from the local Health Protection Team. This may result in all children and adults within that child's bubble needing to self-isolate for up to 14 days. Please note, no changes will be made above and beyond our usual hygiene and social distancing arrangements until the test results have been received in line with guidance from Public Health England. The school is not able to communicate to you every time a child is taken home ill and this would not be appropriate until a positive test result is given.

NHS Test and Trace

Please note if your child has been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus symptoms, in line with advice from NHS Test and Trace, they must not attend school and should self-isolate for 14 days in line with government advice – more information about NHS Test and Trace can be found [here](#).