

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).

Pupils and other children and adults must not come onto the school grounds if:

- they have **one or more** coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms (see above)
- a member of their household (including someone in their [support bubble](#) or [childcare bubble](#) if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test for coronavirus

In any of these cases, they must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of the symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test (whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test)

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

Inform the school via phone or email and make sure your child does not come in to school from the moment the symptoms are identified. If symptoms of someone in your household begin during the day whilst your child is at school, arrange for them to be picked up by someone who does not have symptoms.

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. All children and young people can be tested if they have symptoms. This includes children under 5.

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.

Ensure that your whole household/bubble 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. At this stage, we will stay in contact with you and let you know of anything else you need to do. Please note – NHS test and trace does not inform the school of your positive result – you are responsible for doing this. If it is at the weekend, please email head@whiteshill.gloucs.sch.uk

Please note - if anyone tests positive whilst not experiencing symptoms (e.g. if they are having to complete home testing for their job or because they are going in to hospital for an operation) but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they must restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they developed symptoms.

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 10 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 in line with government advice.

Anyone told to isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their public health protection team has a legal obligation to self-isolate, but you may leave home to avoid injury or illness or to escape risk of harm. More information can be found on [NHS Test and Trace: how it works](#).