

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 and none of the following apply: they are fully vaccinated, they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months, they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial, they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.
- they are required to quarantine having recently travelled abroad.
- 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 displays 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.

Book a PCR test straight away for them – **do not use a lateral flow test** – the result of a lateral flow test will not be taken in to account if your child has 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 are 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. Follow advice about self-isolation for the rest of your family which can be found [here](#). If your child has siblings, they should continue to attend school as normal as children under 18 years and 6 months no longer have to self-isolate when someone in their household has COVID-19.

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. 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. Your child can return to school immediately, even if it is in the middle of the day.

If the test result is [positive](#), inform the school via email or phone call and work with NHS test and trace to identify any close contacts. At this point, all of your household, including any siblings, should take a PCR test to ensure that they are not carrying COVID-19 without symptoms. However, siblings will be able to continue to be in school whilst awaiting the result of their PCR test, as long as they don't develop any symptoms – they can take a PCR test during school hours if this is the only available time, it will be classed as a medical

appointment. The child who has tested positive will need to self-isolate for 10 days from the day their symptoms started. Please confirm via email to the school which date they will return.

What happens if my child displays 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 and should follow the above guidance.